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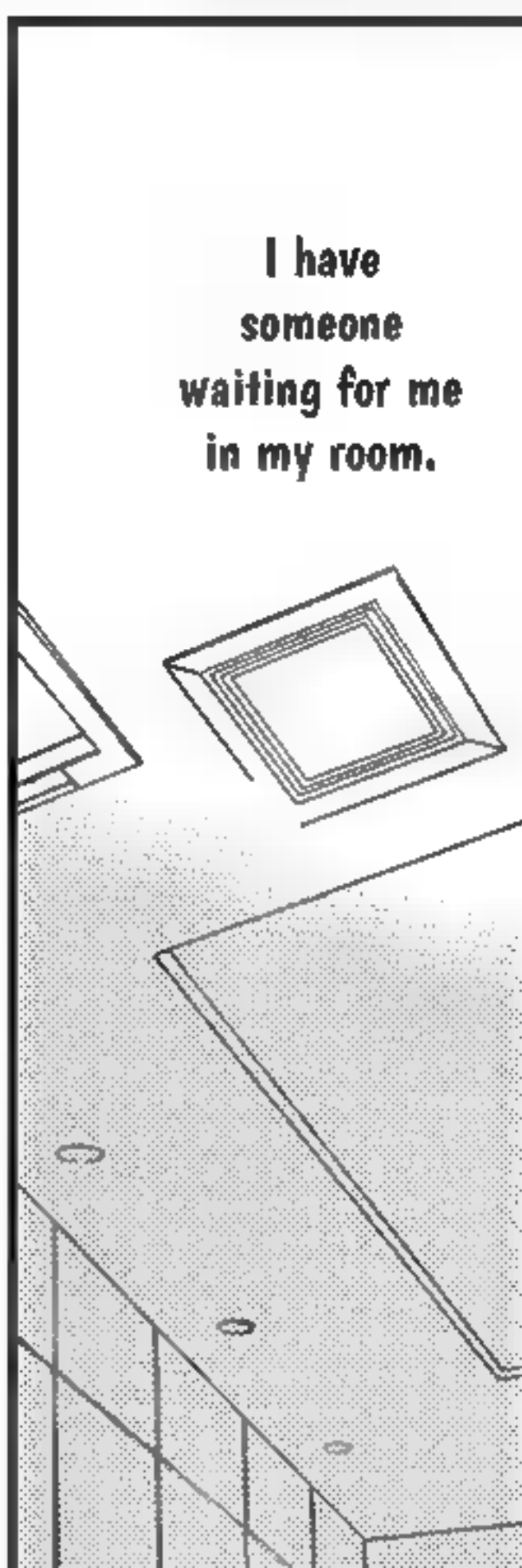














We take
our meals
together.

CHATTER

CHATTER



KOIKE-SAN,
ARE YOU ON
BREAK?

OH,
YOSHINO-SAN.



HAHA, I'M
OLD NOW.

TAKE A LOOK
AT YOUR SIDE
DISHES.

WHOA.





And "welcome back"
when he returns.

When he leaves,
say "have a
safe trip."

What?

I CAN'T
AND I DON'T
WANT TO.

I LIKE MY WORK
AND I HAVE A TON
OF OVERTIME.

I PAY WELL.

FWAT

YOU SHOULD
JUST QUIT YOUR
JOB AND STAY
HERE.

WHAT
HAPPENS IF I
COME BACK
AND YOU'RE
NOT HERE?

FWAT

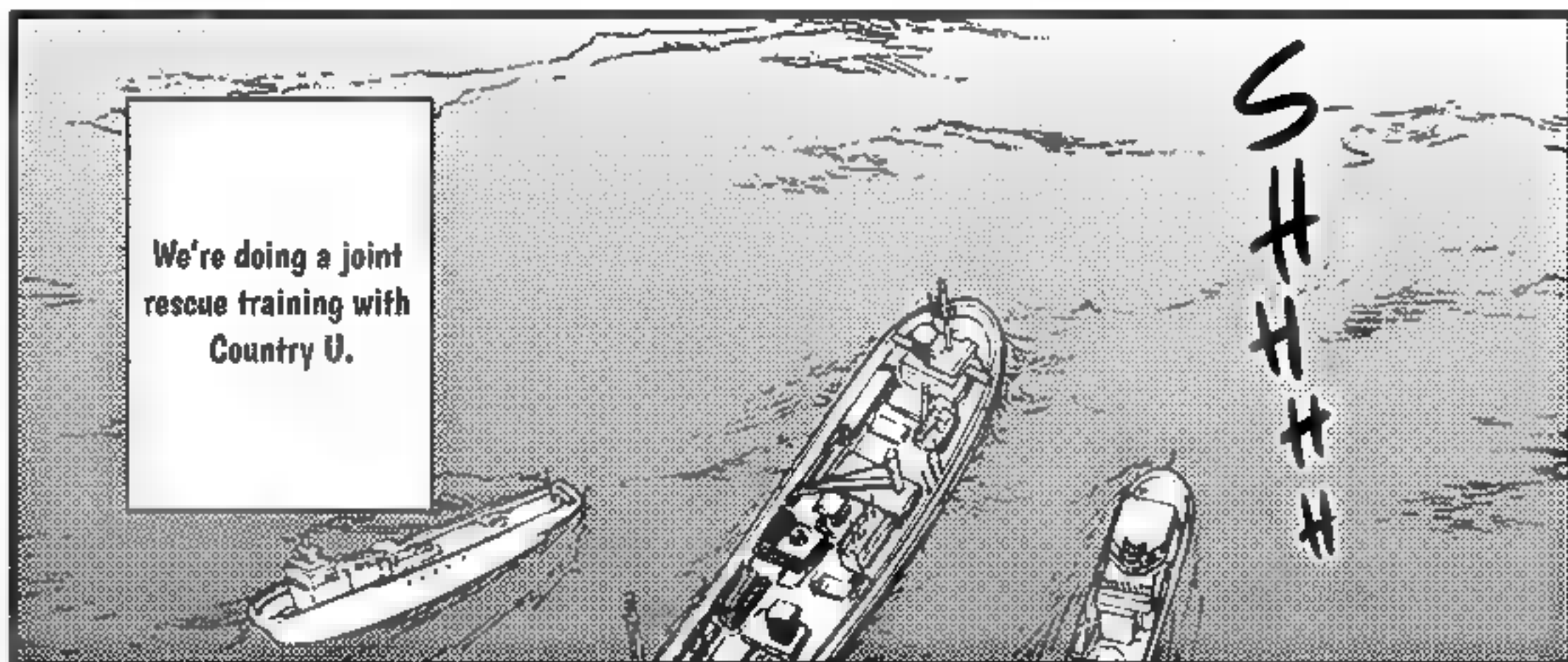
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You turn the
lights on first,

YOU KNOW WHAT
TO DO WHEN I'M
NOT THERE.

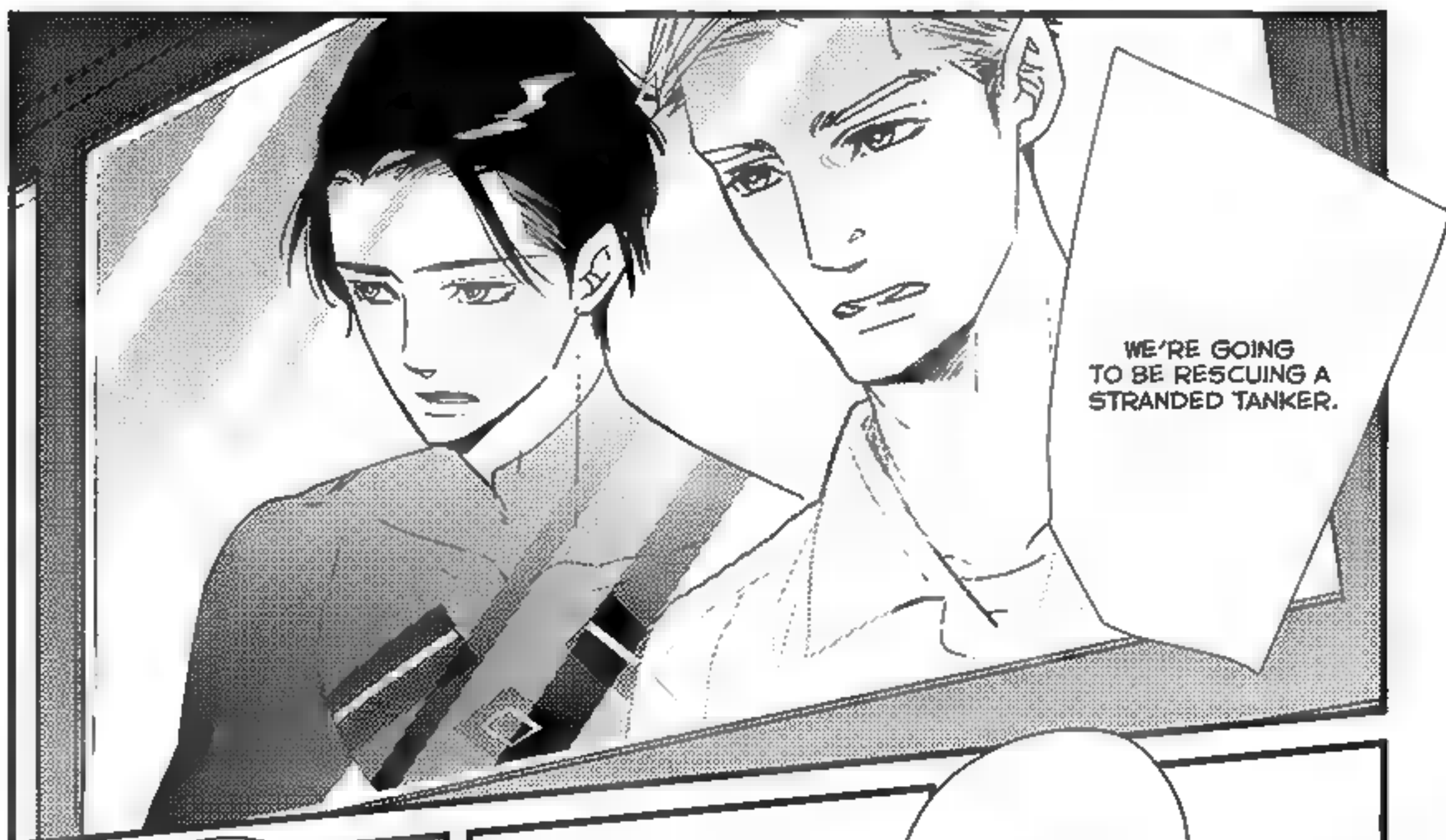
YOU TELL ME
"WELCOME BACK."





We're doing a joint
rescue training with
Country U.

WE'RE GOING
TO BE RESCUING A
STRANDED TANKER.



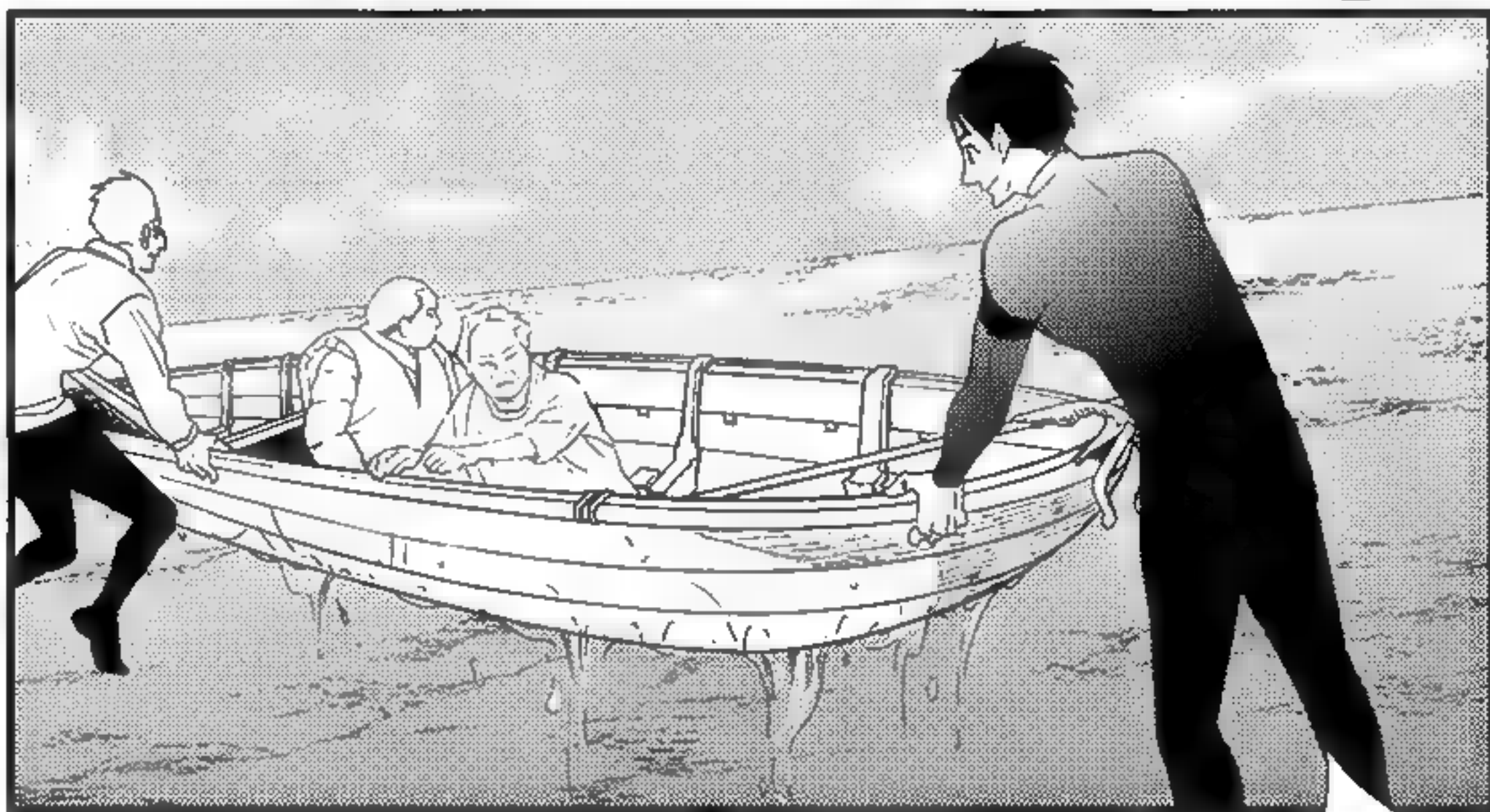
OH LOOK,
SHIBATA-SAN.
TAKI IS WAVING
AT YOU.

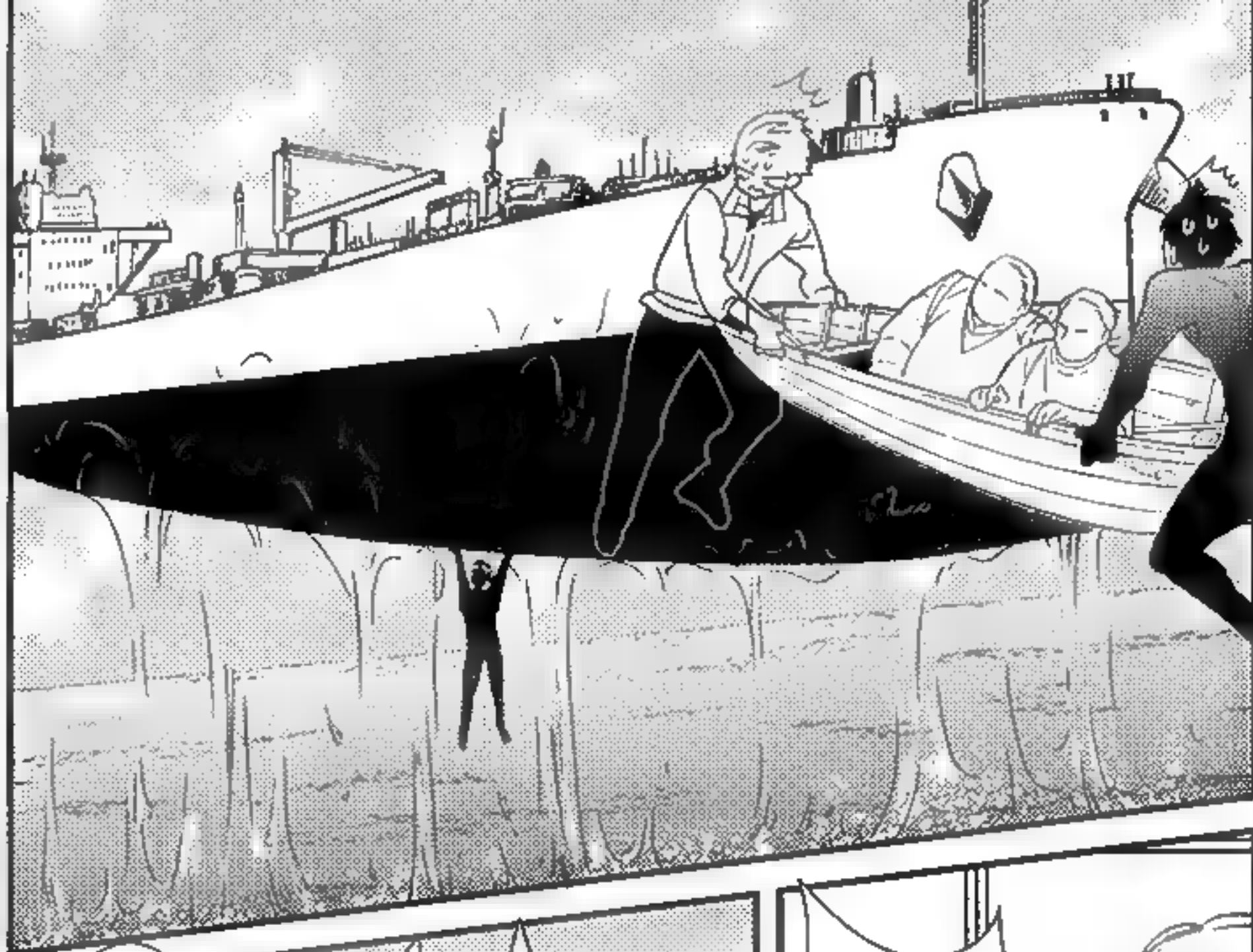
AND THERE
HAVE BEEN IKIGAMI
WHO HAVE NEVER
RECOVERED FROM
EXPERIENCING A
REAL BATTLE.

KIDOU LOOKS
GOOD.

THAT'S GOOD.
ESPECIALLY SINCE
HE WAS SUDDENLY
THRUST INTO BATTLE
LAST TIME,







BUT I
PICKED
IT UP.

WHAT HAPPENS
IF YOU DROP
IT?!

AND I WON'T
DROP IT.

DON'T YOU
THINK...



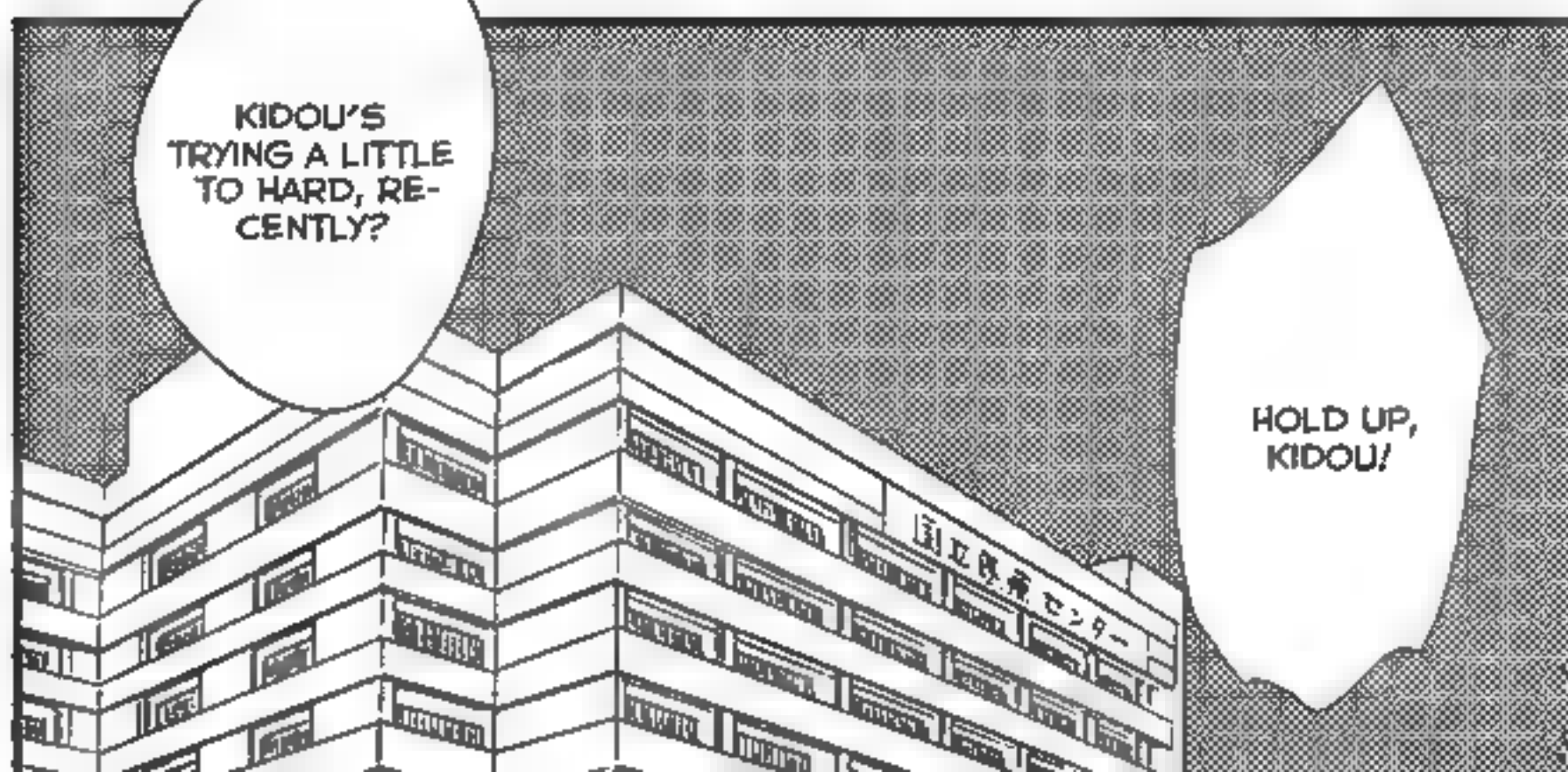
KIDOU IS
PROVOKING
THE COUNTRY
U IKIGAMI!

AH,
SHIBATA-
SAN!

THERE ARE STILL
PEOPLE ON THE
BOAT!

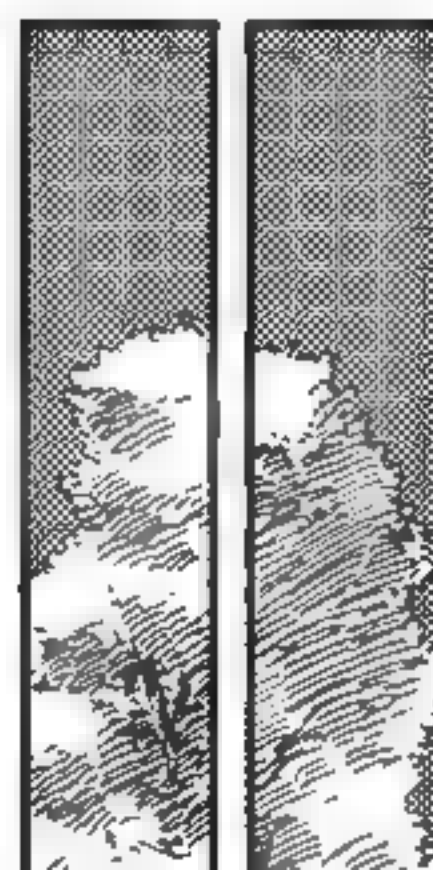


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KIDOU'S
TRYING A LITTLE
TO HARD, RE-
CENTLY?

HOLD UP,
KIDOU!





N-NOT
HERE...

I JUST
GOT BACK.

...NGH.

WHY
NOT?



WHICH
MEANS,
THEY CAN
HEAR US
OUT
THERE.

SCHLEP

MURMUR

IT ISN'T
SOUND-
PROOF!



YOU'RE STILL
TIRED...

...I COULDN'T WAIT
TO GET BACK.



KIDOU...!

SO THAT'S
WHY YOU
SHOULD LET
ME HOLD
YOU.



WHEN I DO
THIS WITH YOU,
I FEEL LIKE
I'M IN HEAVEN.

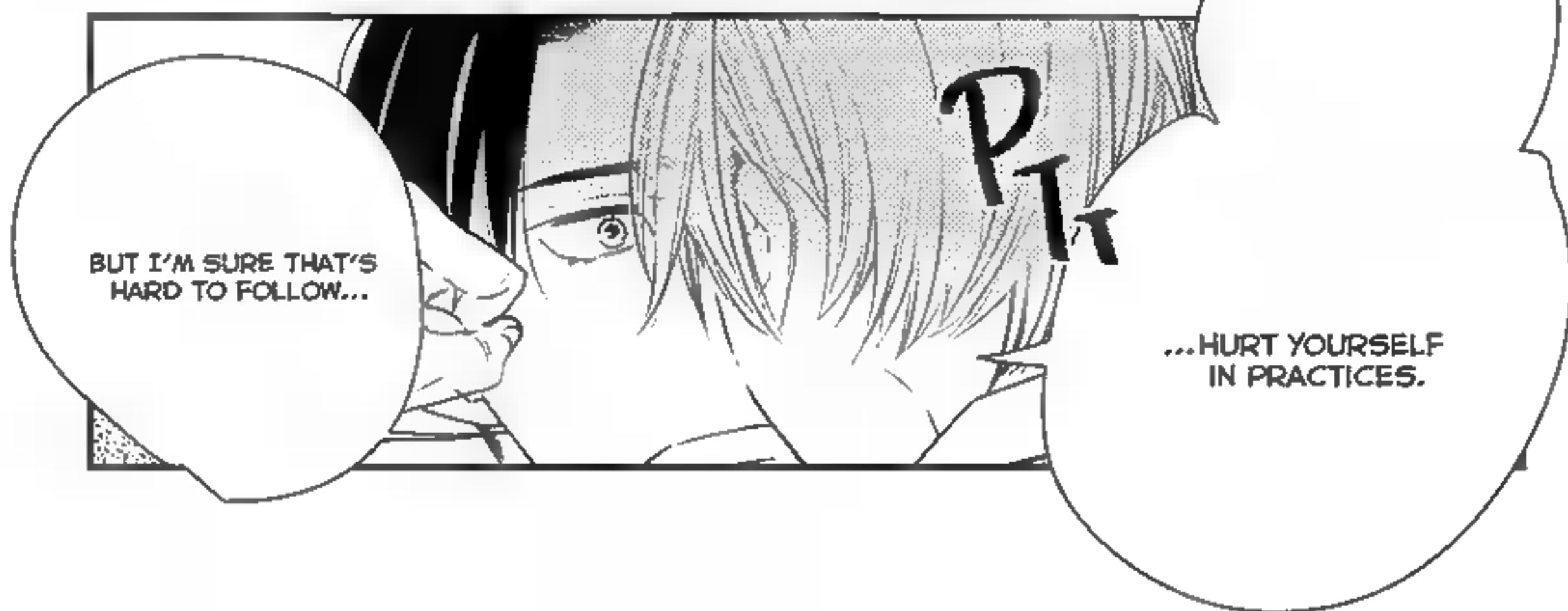


Kidou...

**...what are
you worried
about?**



YOU SHOULDN'T...









This gratitude
is...



WELL DONE. AND
THANK YOU.

His appreciation
because I ■
uninjured,

■ the toll on him
is lighter.

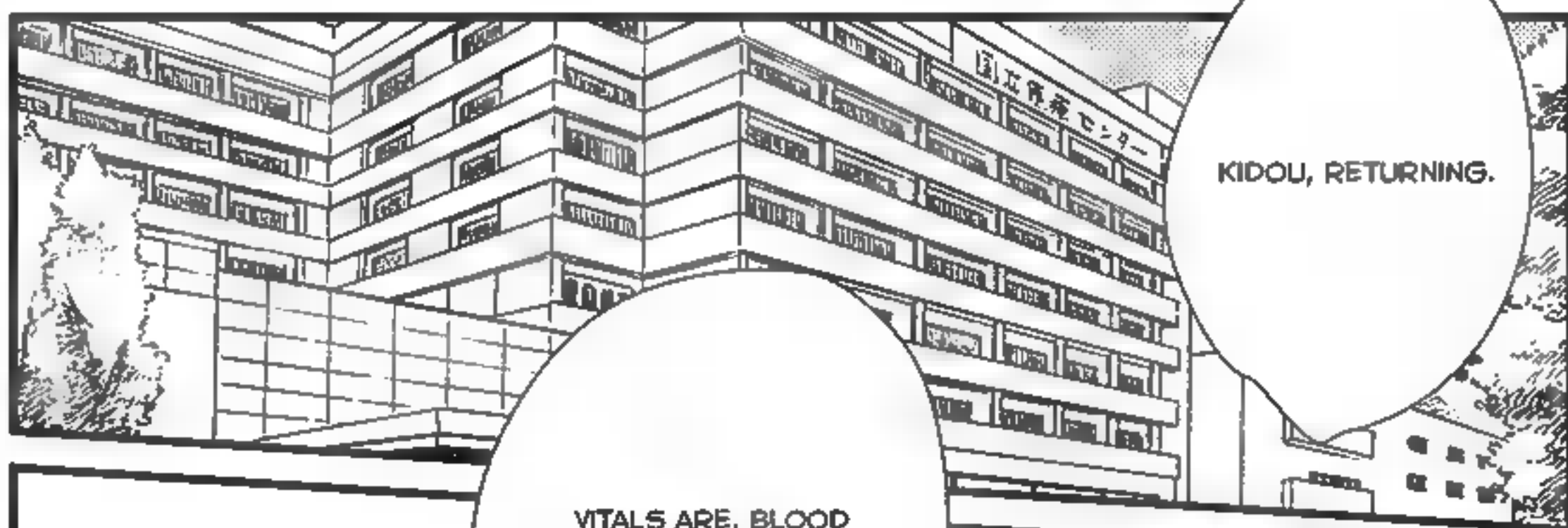


...GOOD BOY.

No...



W
L
L



KIDOU, RETURNING.

VITALS ARE, BLOOD
PRESSURE 130 OVER
90, PULSE IS 90,
SINUS...



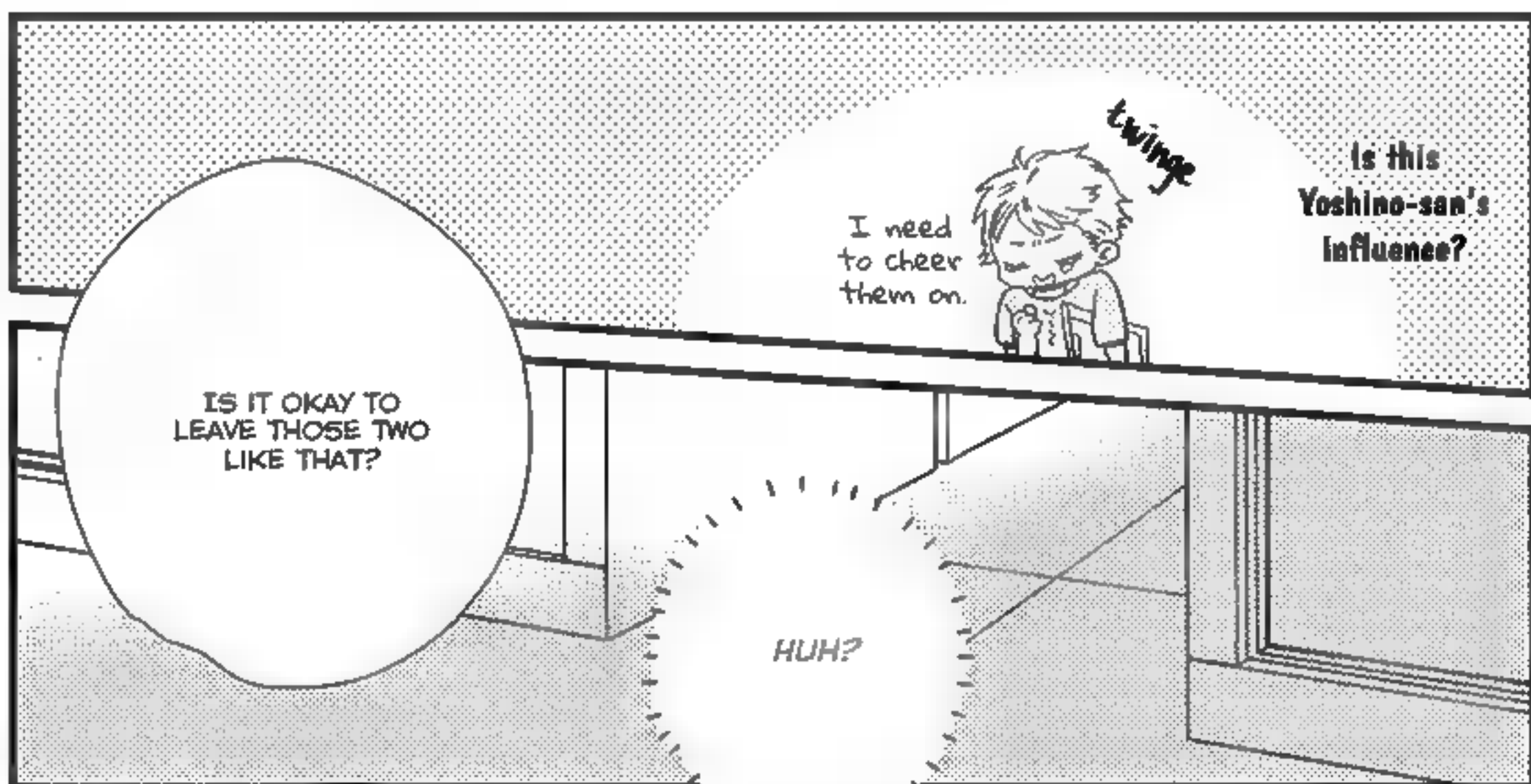
HEY KOIKE.

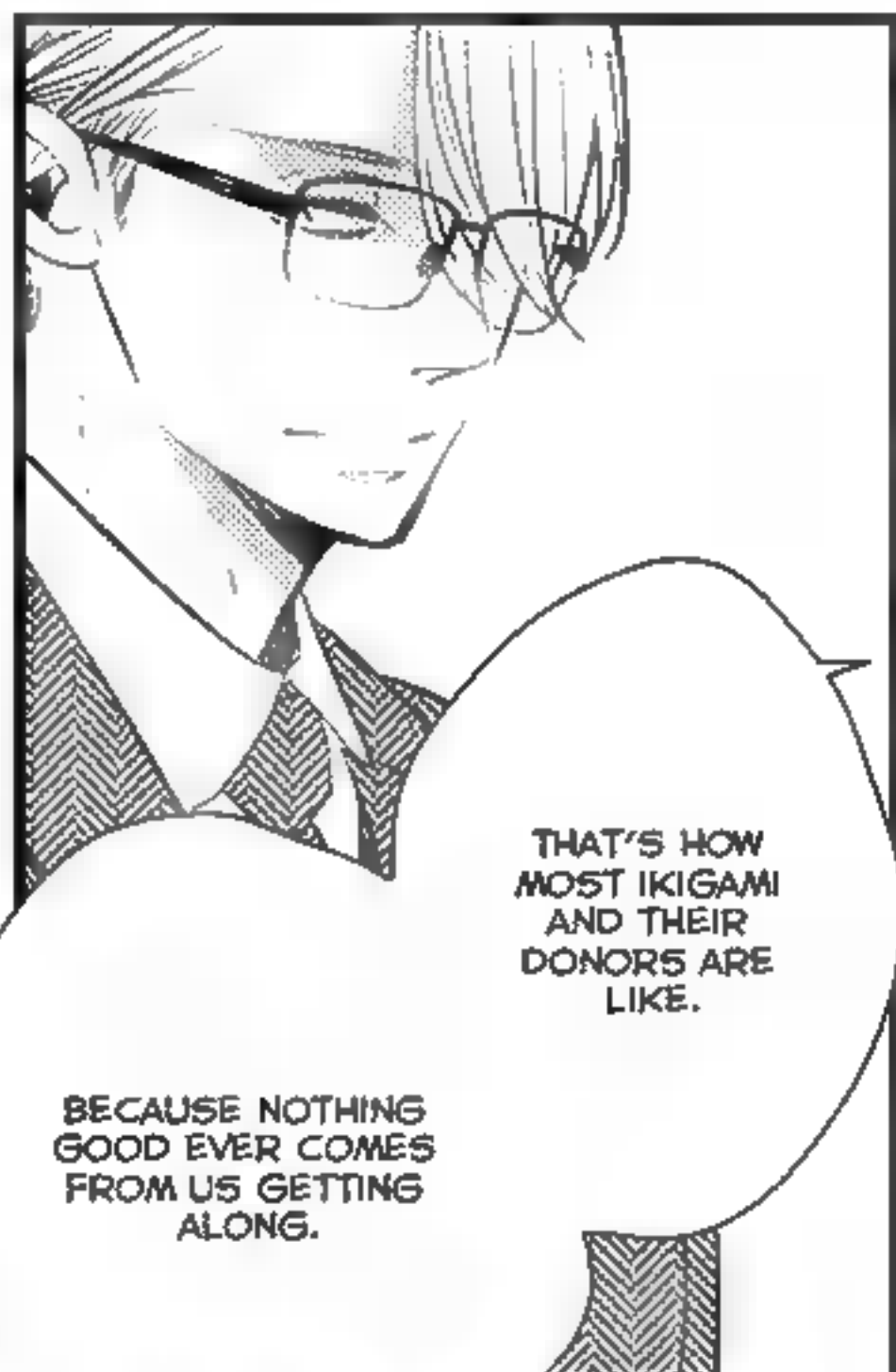
TWO MILLILITERS
INJECTION FROM
YOUR DONOR.

THAT'S
KOIKE-SAN!









THAT'S HOW
MOST IKIGAMI
AND THEIR
DONORS ARE
LIKE.

BECAUSE NOTHING
GOOD EVER COMES
FROM US GETTING
ALONG.



I'VE ONLY
EVER SEEN MY
DONOR ONCE.

WHEN I GET HURT,
I JUST HAVE BLOOD
TRANSFUSIONS AND
CELL TRANSPLANTS.



YES!

REALLY?

THEY'RE PRETTY
MUCH DATING.

HE'S RIGHT!



IT'S NOT FAIR THAT
KIDOU'S THE ONLY ONE
WHO GETS THAT.





I-I-I'M
SO SORRY,
SHIBATA-SAN,
TAKI-SAN...

DID I SAY
THAT?

CLK

CLK

CLK



I DON'T PLAN
TO START A
RELATIONSHIP
HERE.

U-Um...I
didn't mean
to eaves-
drop.



I'LL GLADLY
WELCOME YOU
IF YOU EVER
CHANGE YOUR
MIND.



BECAUSE I'VE BEEN
BURNED BY WORKPLACE
ROMANCES BEFORE.











THERE ARE
SO MANY THINGS
THAT MY IKIGAMI
DOES NOT UN-
DERSTAND.

YEESH...



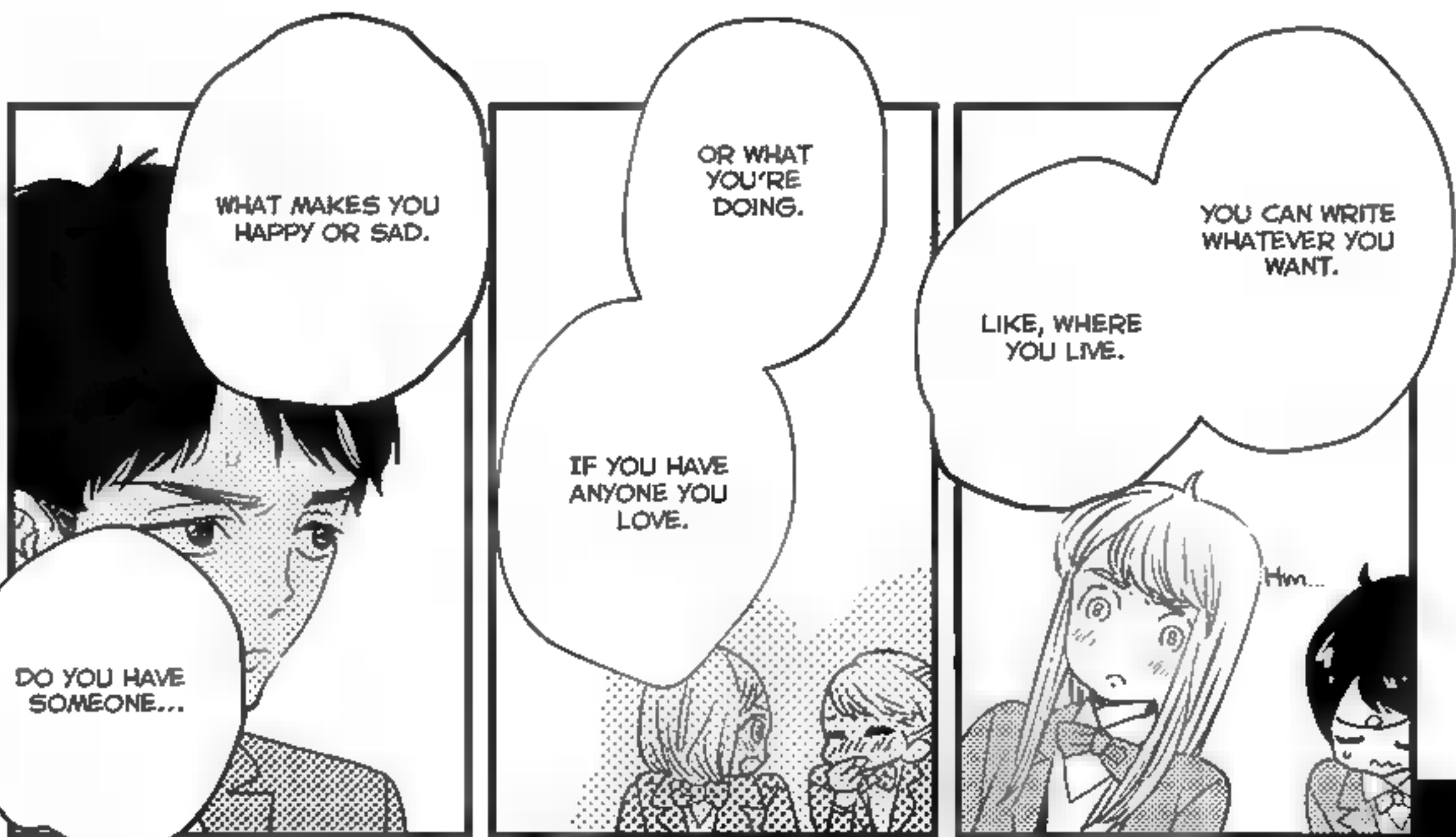


I LOVE YOU,
MY IKIGAMI.

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WHAT MAKES YOU
HAPPY OR SAD.

OR WHAT
YOU'RE
DOING.

YOU CAN WRITE
WHATEVER YOU
WANT.

LIKE, WHERE
YOU LIVE.

IF YOU HAVE
ANYONE YOU
LOVE.

DO YOU HAVE
SOMEONE...

Hm...



...YOU LOVE MORE
THAN YOURSELF?



Scribble



BUT IT'S NOT JUST COUNTRY F THAT CATCHES MY EYE. EVEN THE ASIAN IKIGAMI HAVE BEEN SHOWING UP...

THERE ARE A LOT OF GOOD-LOOKING IKIGAMI COMING FROM COUNTRY F LATELY.

BUT THE MOST POPULAR IKIGAMI RIGHT NOW IS THAT EX-SUMO WRESTLER FROM COUNTRY M...

YEAH. HE'S HOT, SO I FOLLOWED HIM ONLINE.

Did you see the ikigami called Nick, from Country F?

YEAH.

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. I LIKE THE ASIAN STYLE...





DID YOU MARRY
KIDOU IN TEN
YEARS?

DID YOU WRITE
ABOUT KIDOU?

SO WHAT DID YOU
WRITE FOR YOUR
FUTURE ESSAY
TODAY?



I THINK SO TOO...

STAB OF COURSE,
DATING AN
IKIGAMI,

...No WAY!

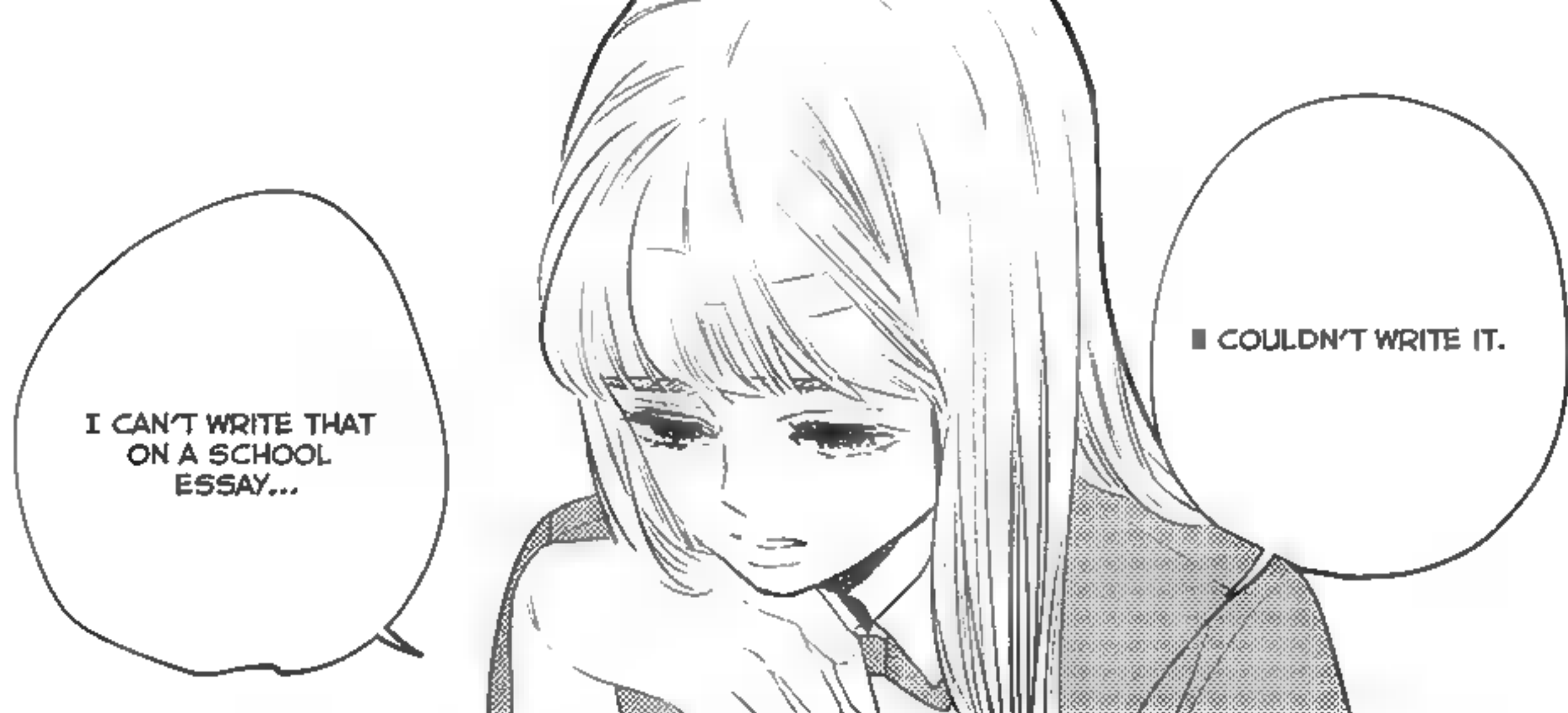
I'll die
from
that
fantasy.

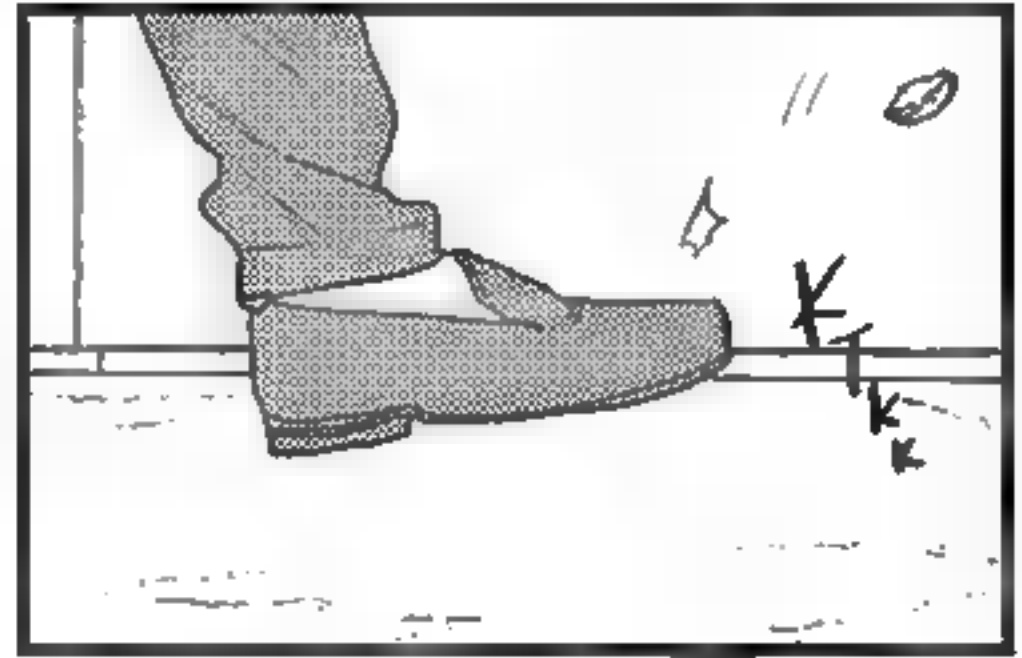
STAB

OR MARRYING
THEM...

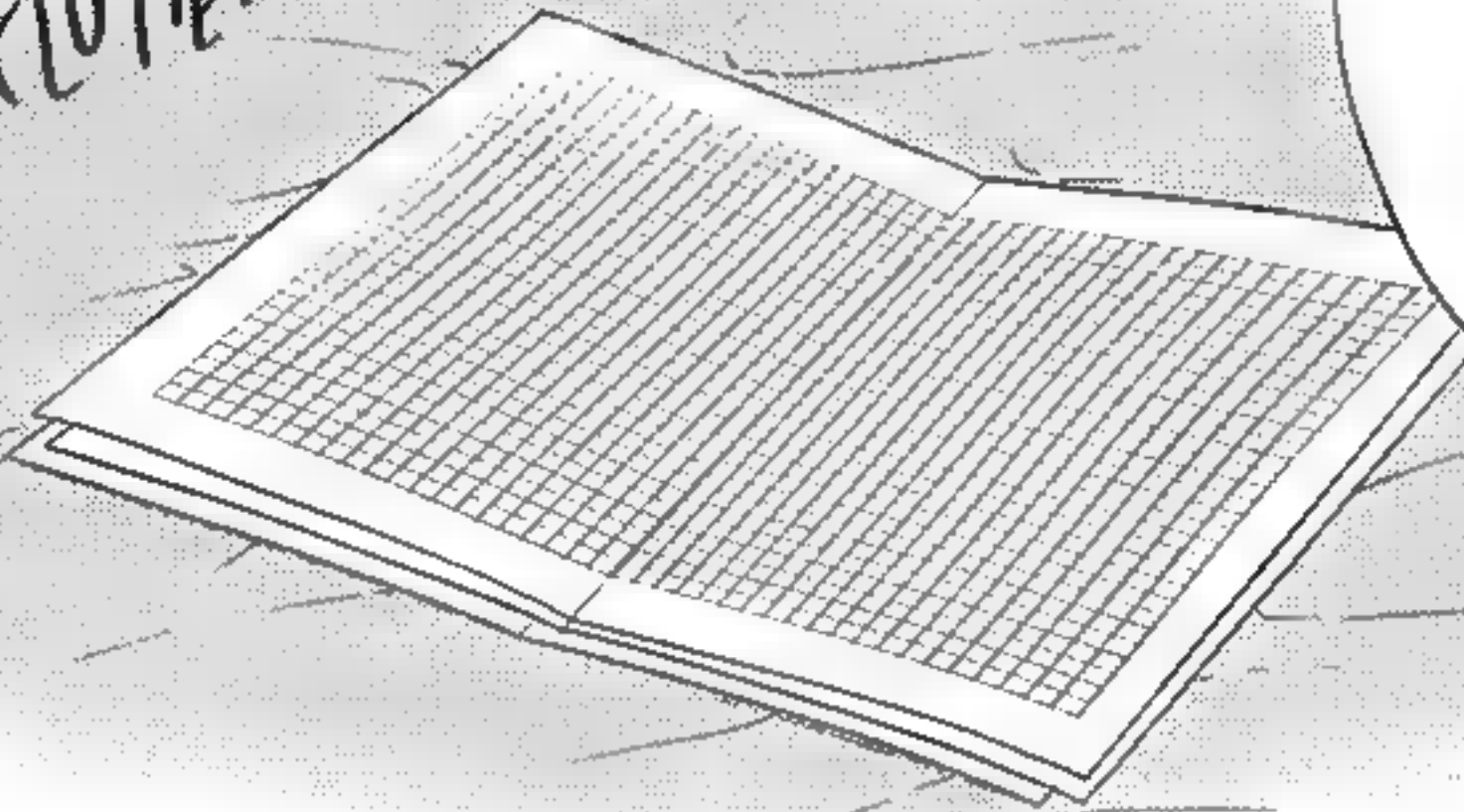
STAB

IS WAY TOO
FARFETCHED.





FLUTTER



HERE'S YOUR
ASSIGNMENT.

IT'S A LETTER TO YOUR
FUTURE SELF. MY STUDENTS
WERE WRITING THIS TODAY.



WHAT'S THIS?







A LETTER TO MY
FUTURE SELF...



THE FUTURE?



GIVE ME
BACK MY
OLD
BODY!!

WHY MUST WE
FIGHT?!

CALM
DOWN,

SOMEONE
CALL THE
MEDICS!

If you become
an ikigami,



...BUT ARE THERE
EVER ANY PEOPLE
WHO WOULD WILLINGLY
BECOME IKIGAMI?

They pay you
■ fortune.

Your family gets
to live ■ good
life, on ■ hefty
pension.



WHO WOULD
WISH FOR
SUCH A LIFE?

YOU MAY DIE
TOMORROW.

AND SO YOU
KEEP WORK-
ING UNTIL
YOU DIE.

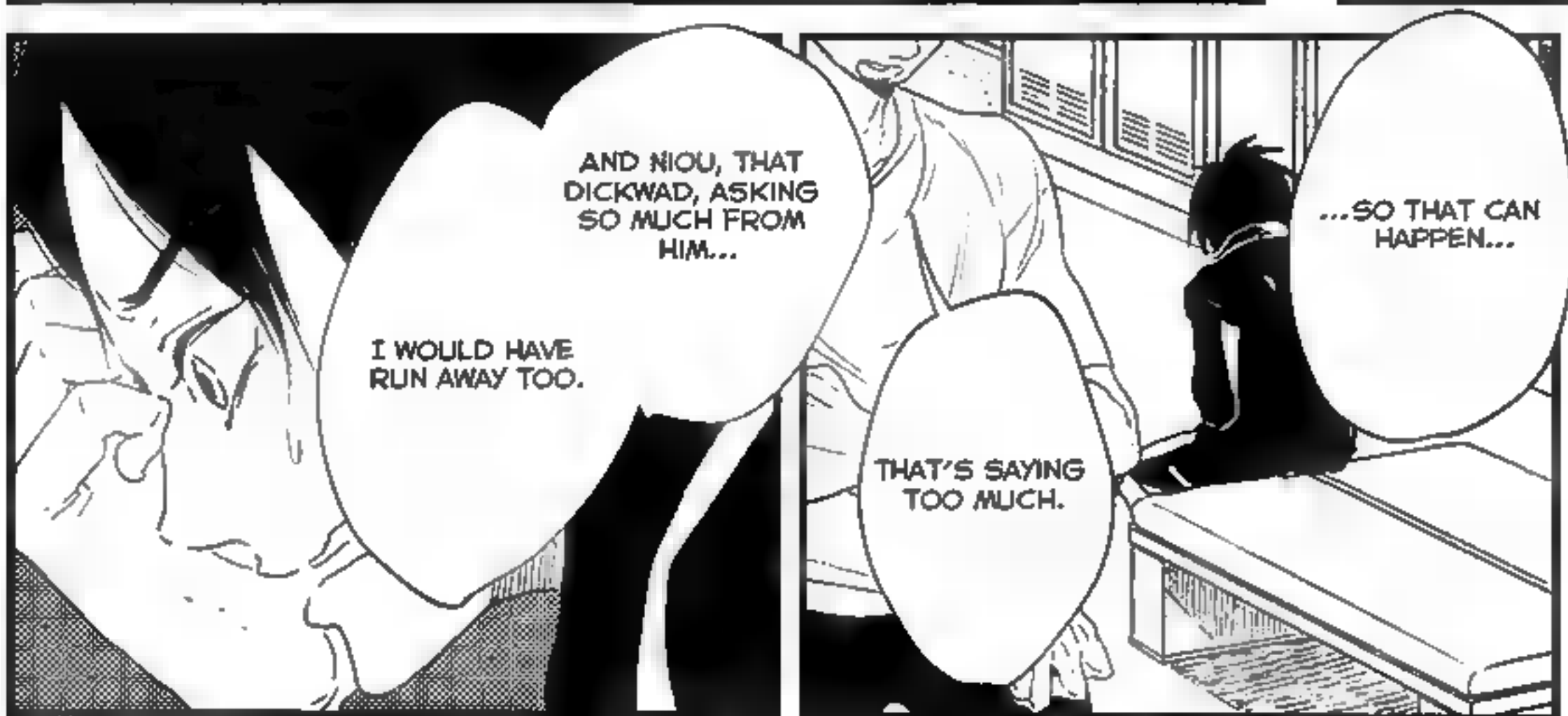
...WHO WOULD
WISH TO LIVE
WITH SOMEONE
LIKE THAT?

there are
■■■■■■
with family
■■■■■■

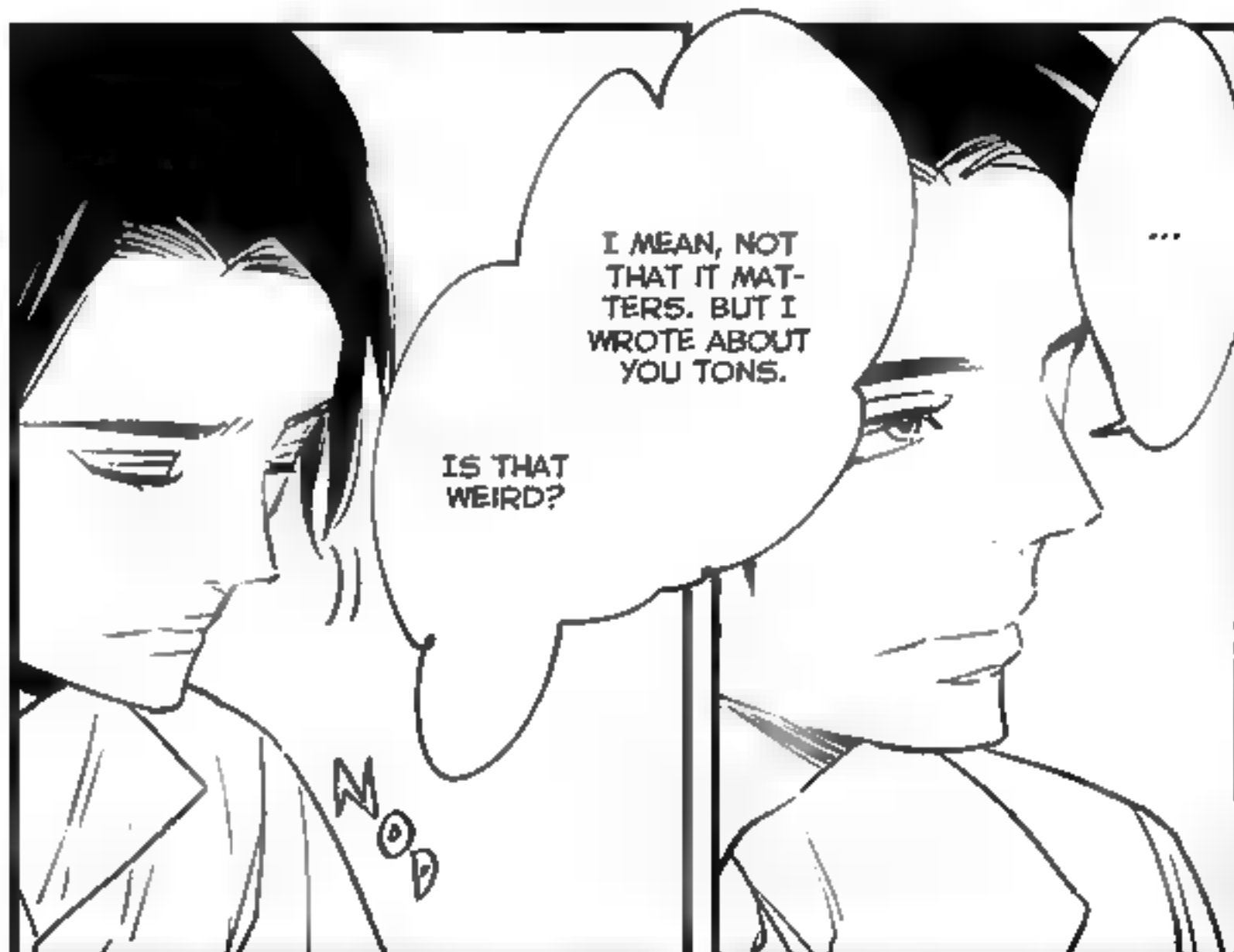
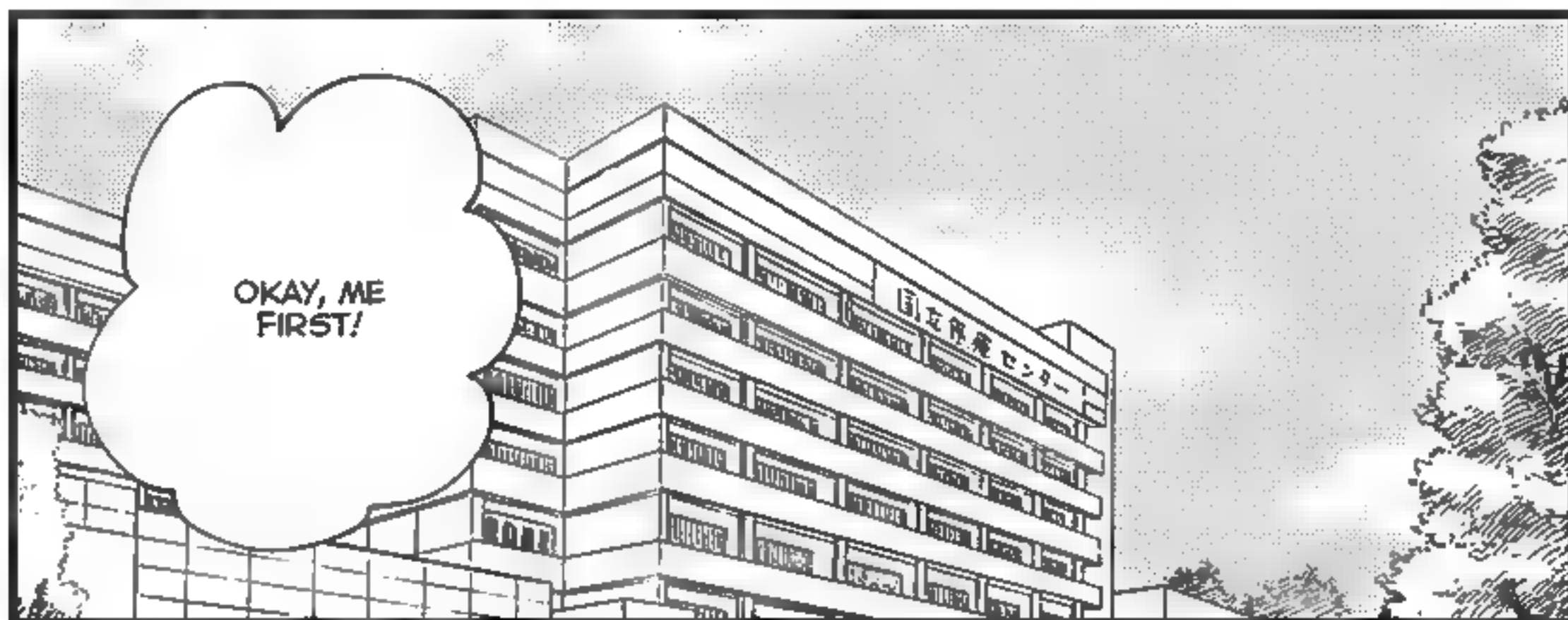
Even ■■■■
taking finances
into account,

The divorce ■■■■
■■■■■ ikigami ■■■■
high.











BECAUSE MY PARTNER IS AN IKIGAMI,

I DON'T KNOW WHEN HE'LL COME BACK INJURED.

I HOPE FOR A HANDICAP-FRIENDLY HOUSE!

ARE YOU STILL AT THE CENTER?

AND THE SAME GOES FOR ME, SINCE I'M A DONOR.

I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU FOUND YOUR OWN CASTLE.

PLEASE FIND A HOME WITH EASY ACCESS, EVEN IF IT'S HARD ON THE BODY.


AND IF YOU STILL DON'T HAVE A HOME YET,

Will they be surprised? Or worried? But I feel like it might be amusing.

It's the ikigami.


I wonder how dad would react.

Have you introduced Kidou to your parents yet?



I'm sure my
mother is
happy to have a
son-in-law on hand-
some Kidou.

I might worry
more
than a normal
couple would,



but I never imagined
I would marry a man
younger than me.

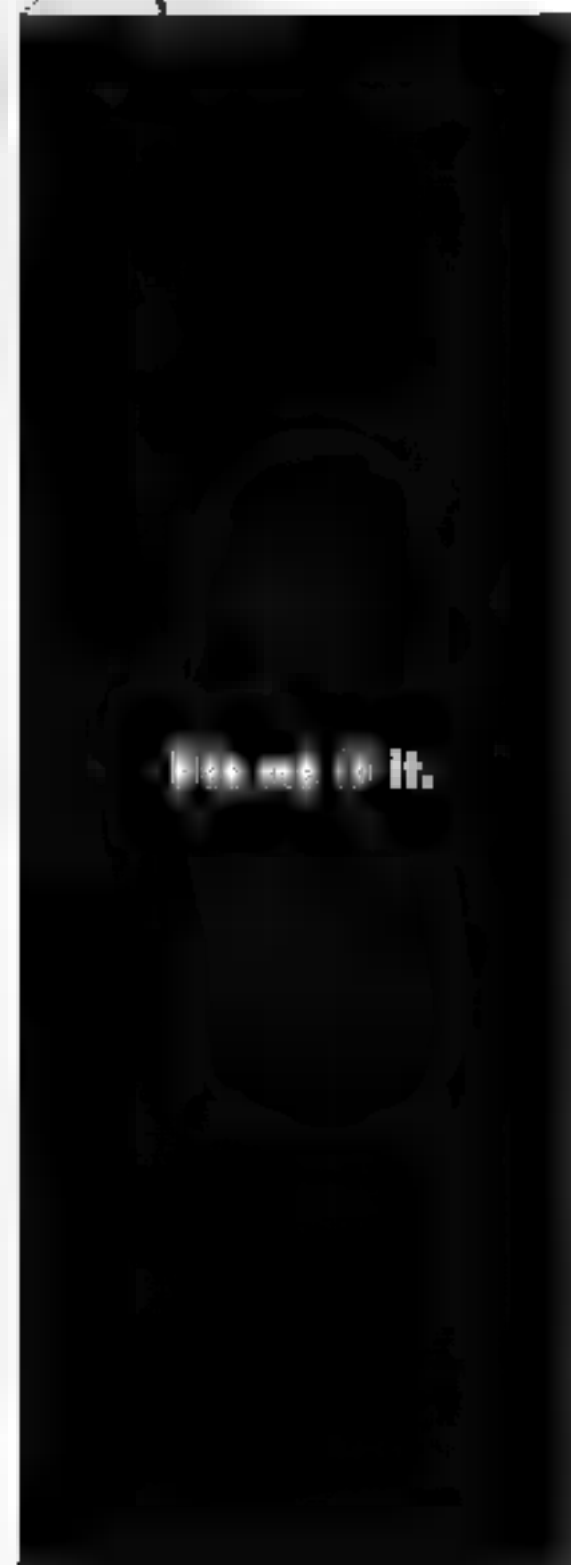
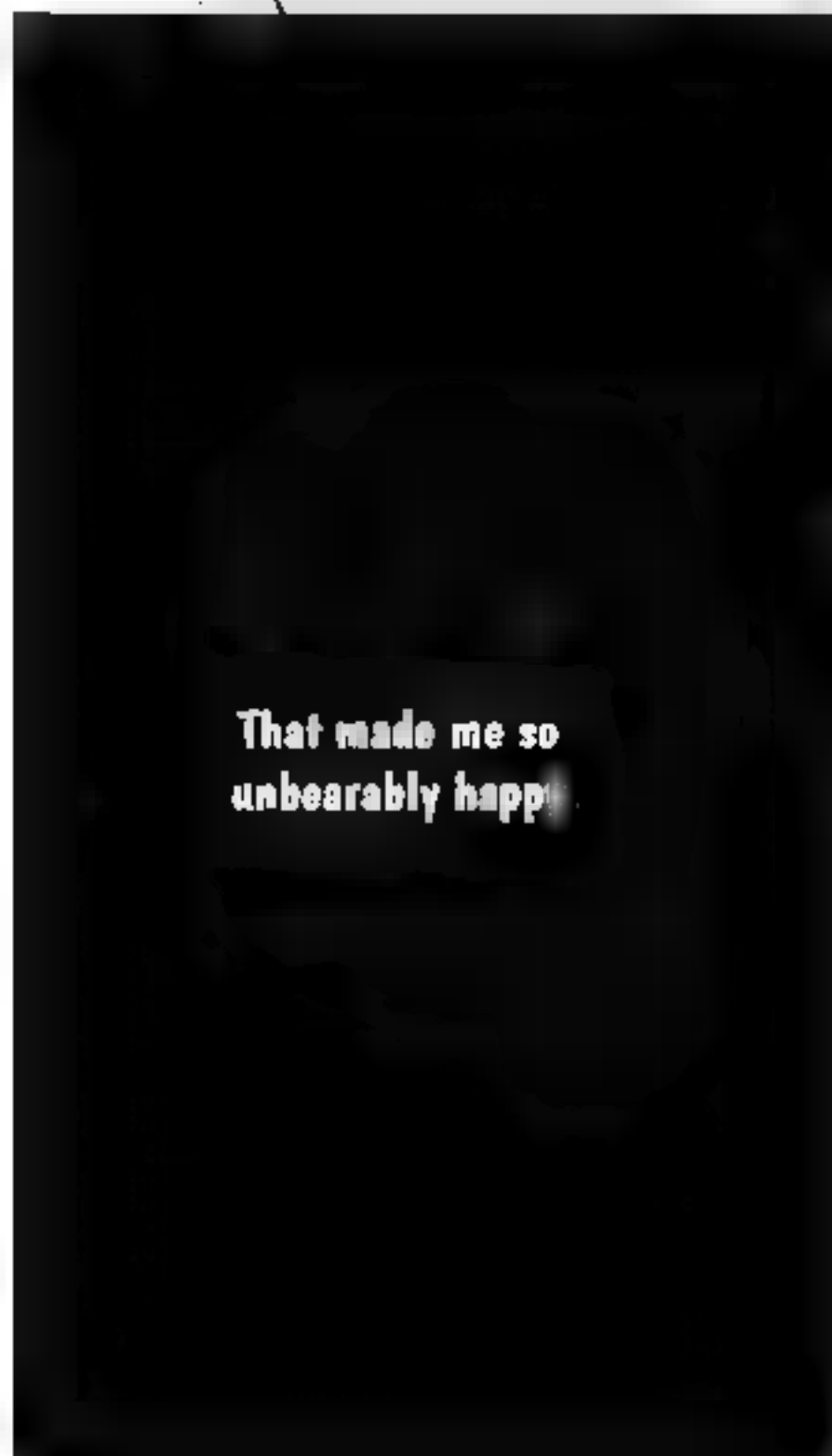
Same-sex
marriages are no
longer uncommon,

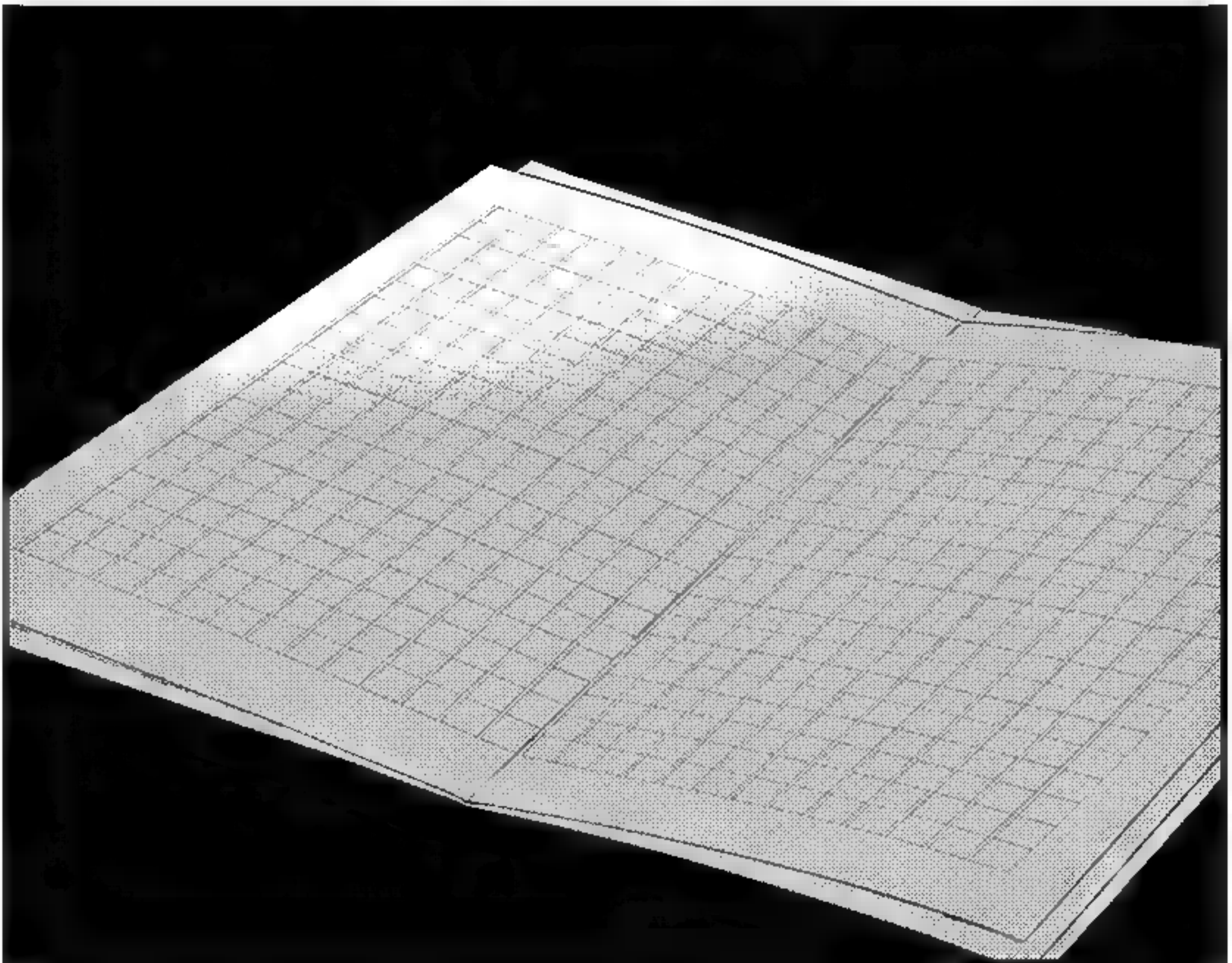
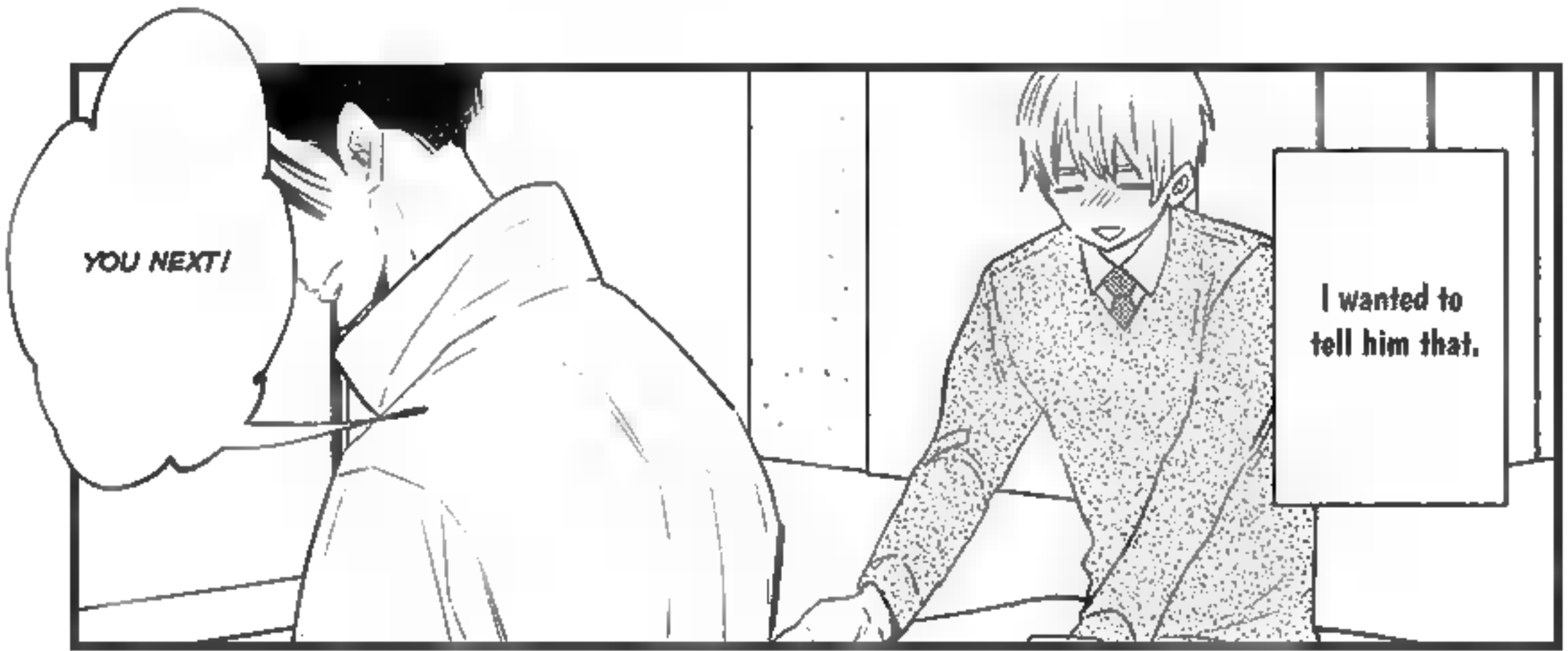


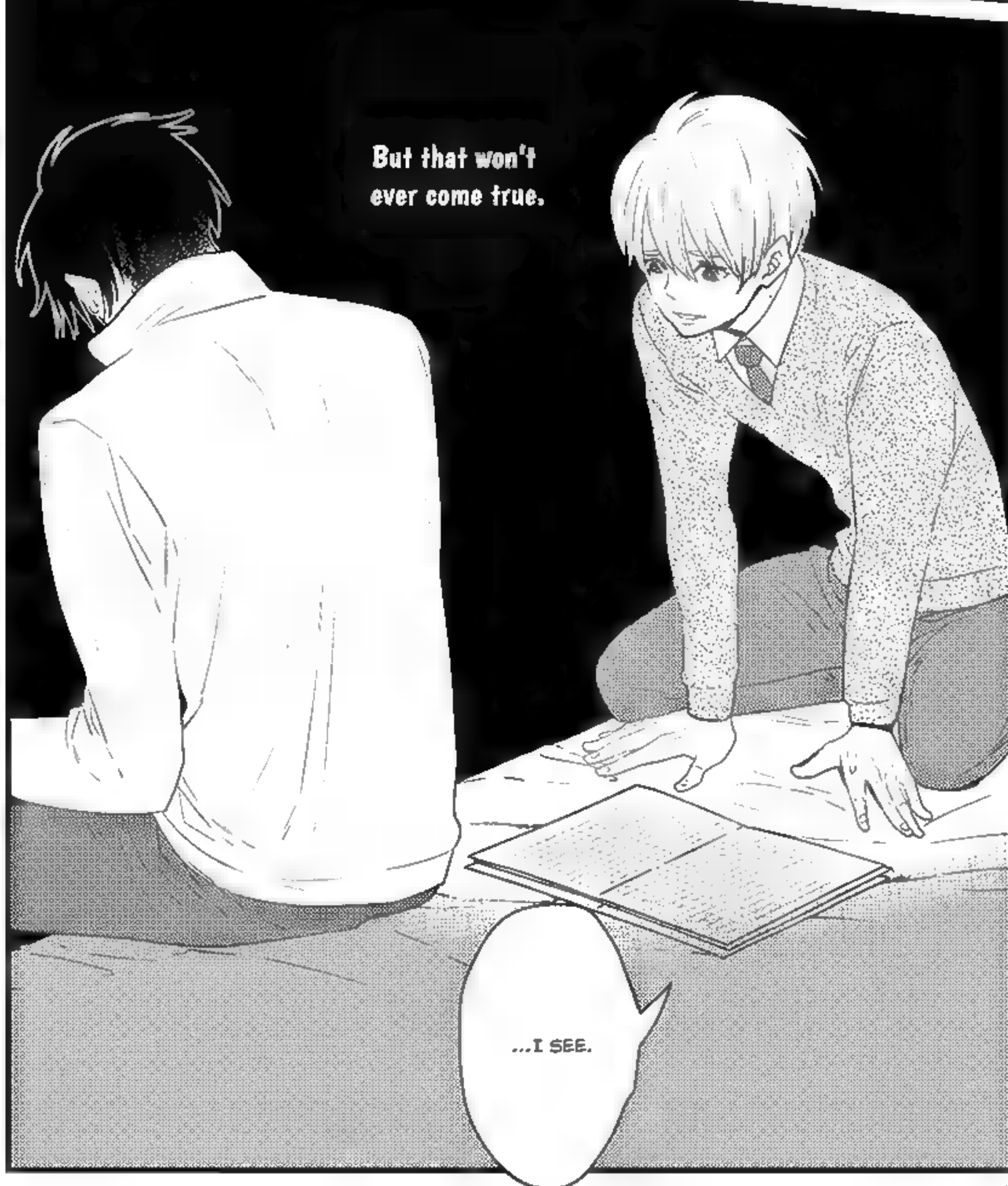
ARE YOU
MARRIED YET?

I BET YOU ARE.



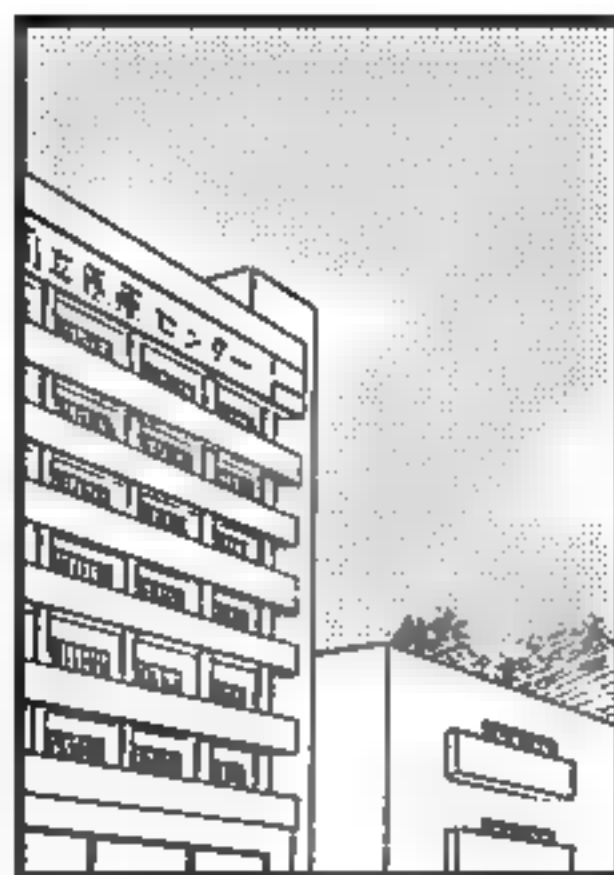




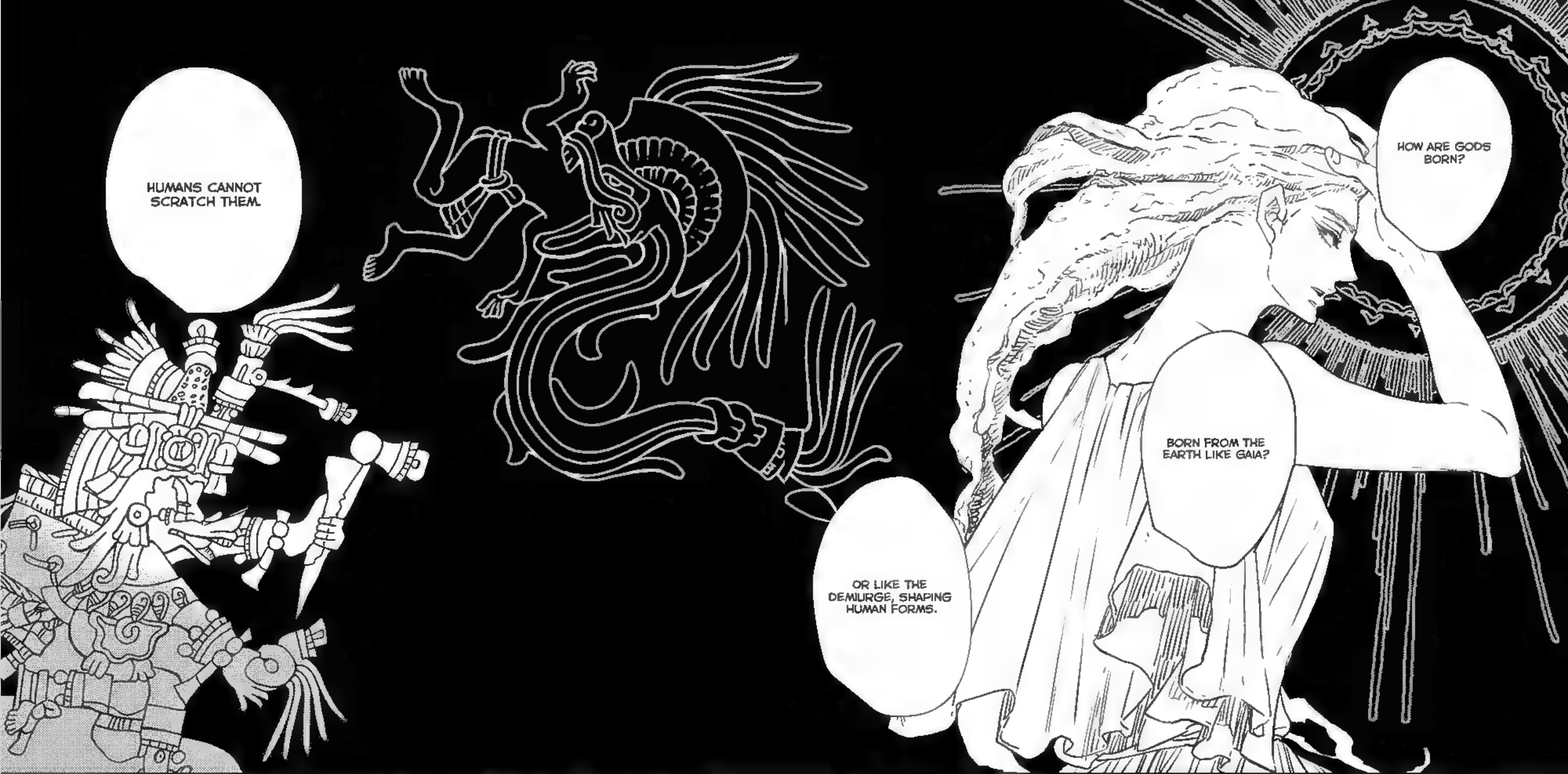




**Because I am an
ikigami.**







HUMANS CANNOT
SCRATCH THEM.

HOW ARE GODS
BORN?

BORN FROM THE
EARTH LIKE GAIA?

OR LIKE THE
DEMURGE, SHAPING
HUMAN FORMS.



"IKIGAMI"...A SUITABLE
NAME FOR GODS...



IKIGAMI CAN FLY
IN THE SKIES.

AND HAVE
OVERWHELMING
PHYSICAL
STRENGTH.

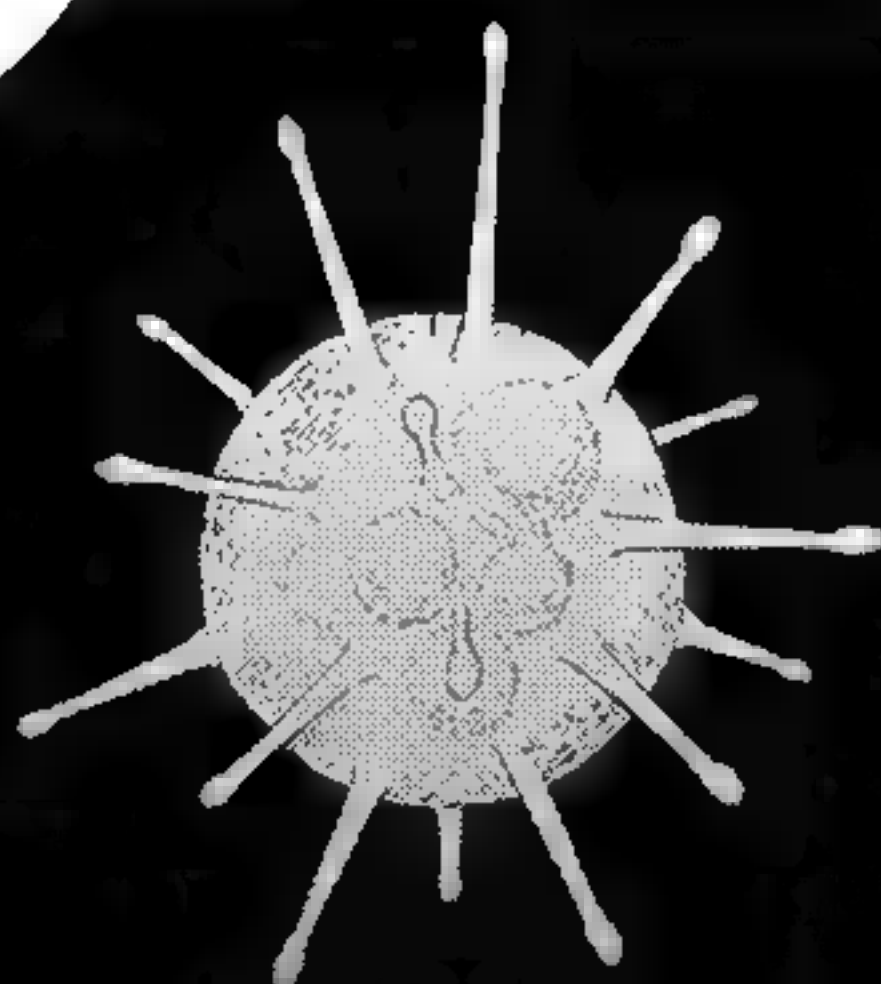
OR SPIRITS FROM
THE SKY OR BEYOND
THE SEAS?



BUT IKIGAMI ARE
NOT GODS.

THEY ARE HUMANS,
WITH A PECULIAR
GENE.

WHICH IS ACTI-
VATED AFTER
BEING INFECTED
BY A VIRUS.



THEY ARE INFECTED
HUMANS.

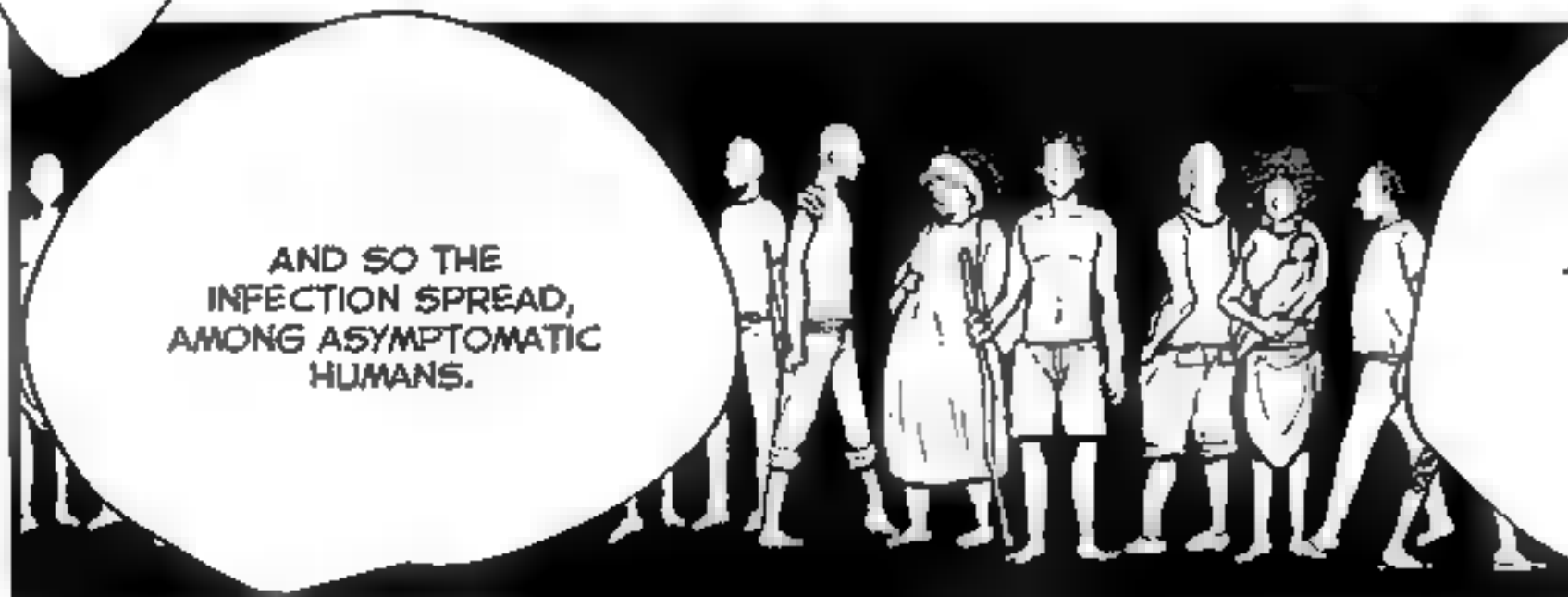
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A black and white illustration of a monkey with a surprised expression, its mouth open as it eats a large frog. The monkey is looking directly at the viewer.

WHICH
WAS PASSED
ONTO THE ANI-
MALS THAT
ATE THOSE
AMPHIBIANS,
AND THEN TO
THE HUMANS
WHO ATE
THOSE
ANIMALS.


HUNDREDS,
THEN THOU-
SANDS, THEN
TENS OF THOU-
SANDS OF
PEOPLE ATE
THEM.

THIS VIRUS
ORIGINATED FROM
AMPHIBIANS NATIVE
TO THE LAND IN
COUNTRY X.

A black and white illustration of a group of people walking in a line. There are men, women, and children, some carrying items on their heads or backs.

AND SO THE
INFECTION SPREAD,
AMONG ASYMPTOMATIC
HUMANS.

THANKS TO A MUTATION,
THE VIRUS BECAME
TRANSMITTABLE TO
HUMANS.

A black and white illustration of a man's face in profile, looking slightly to the right. He has a serious expression.

AND AMONG THOSE, THERE WAS
A MAN WITH SPECIAL GENES, THE
FIRST IKIGAMI, WHO WAS CALLED
"MONSTER..."

A black and white illustration of a man's face in profile, looking slightly to the right. He has a serious expression.

THIS IS MY FIRST TIME
HEARING THIS.



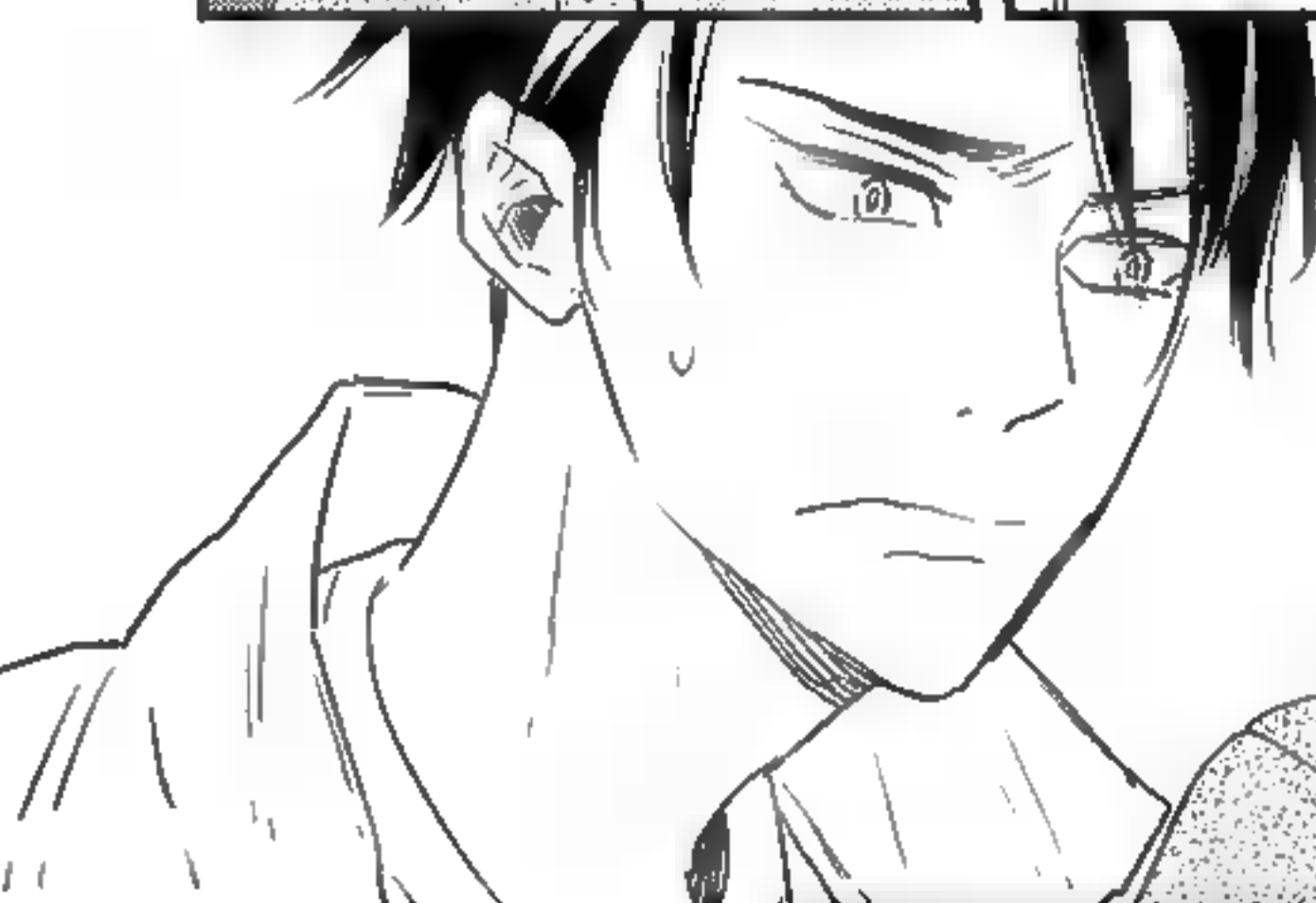
WAIT,
SHIBATA-
SAN!



AND IN OUR COUNTRY,
FIVE YEARS AGO, OUR
IKIGAMI RESEARCH DIV-
ISION SUCCEEDED IN
ISOLATING THAT GENE.



IT'S TOP SECRET.
ONLY A HANDFUL
OF PEOPLE KNOW
ABOUT THIS IN THE
MINISTRY OF DE-
FENSE.



IF IT'S A
DISEASE, THEN
THAT MEANS...IT'S
POSSIBLE THERE'S
A CURE?





IT'S POSSIBLE.



IT WILL
CAUSE THE IKIGAMI
TO LOSE THEIR
SPECIAL ABILITIES,
RETURNING THEIR
IMMUNITY TO THAT
OF A NORMAL
HUMAN'S.

IN OTHER WORDS,
THEY BECOME "NORMAL
HUMANS."



CLINICAL
TRIALS WERE
PERFORMED IN
SECRET.

ADMINISTERED TO
IKIGAMI WHO, FOR A
VARIETY OF REASONS,
WERE UNABLE TO PAR-
TICIPATE IN BATTLE.

AND THE
RESULTS WERE
EVENTUALLY
ACKNOWLEDGED.

AND THIS IS
THAT CURE.





LARGE AMOUNTS
OF THE COUNTRY'S
BUDGET WAS
POURED IN IKIGAMI
RESEARCH.

EVER
SINCE THE
APPEAR-
ANCE OF
IKIGAMI,



EXACTLY.



THERE'S NO WAY
THE GOVERN-
MENT WOULD
ALLOW THAT.

And that was,
the government
more interested

The government only
had one interest.



BUT ALSO, FIND
THOSE WITH THAT
SPECIAL GENE.
THOSE WHO HAVE
THE CAPABILITIES OF
BECOMING IKIGAMI.

THAT EXAM IS
NOT ONLY TO FIND
THOSE WITH IKIGAMI
ABILITIES,

YOU BOTH KNOW OF THE
NATIONAL IKIGAMI EXAMS
ALL CITIZENS MUST
UNDERGO.



THOSE
BASTARDS...



They plan to
intentionally
infect them
with the virus,

and create ikigami.

and a country with
a technical advan-
tage keeps that to
itself, they
could control the
world, repeating
what has happened
before in history.



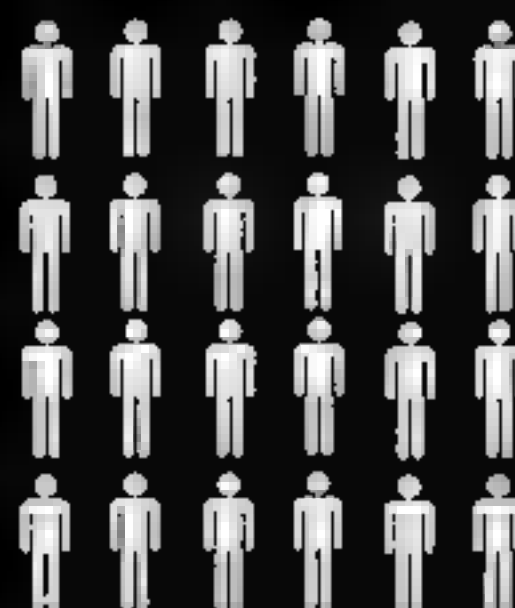
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In a world where the
amount of ikigami in
a country is small, their
power is limited.



VS





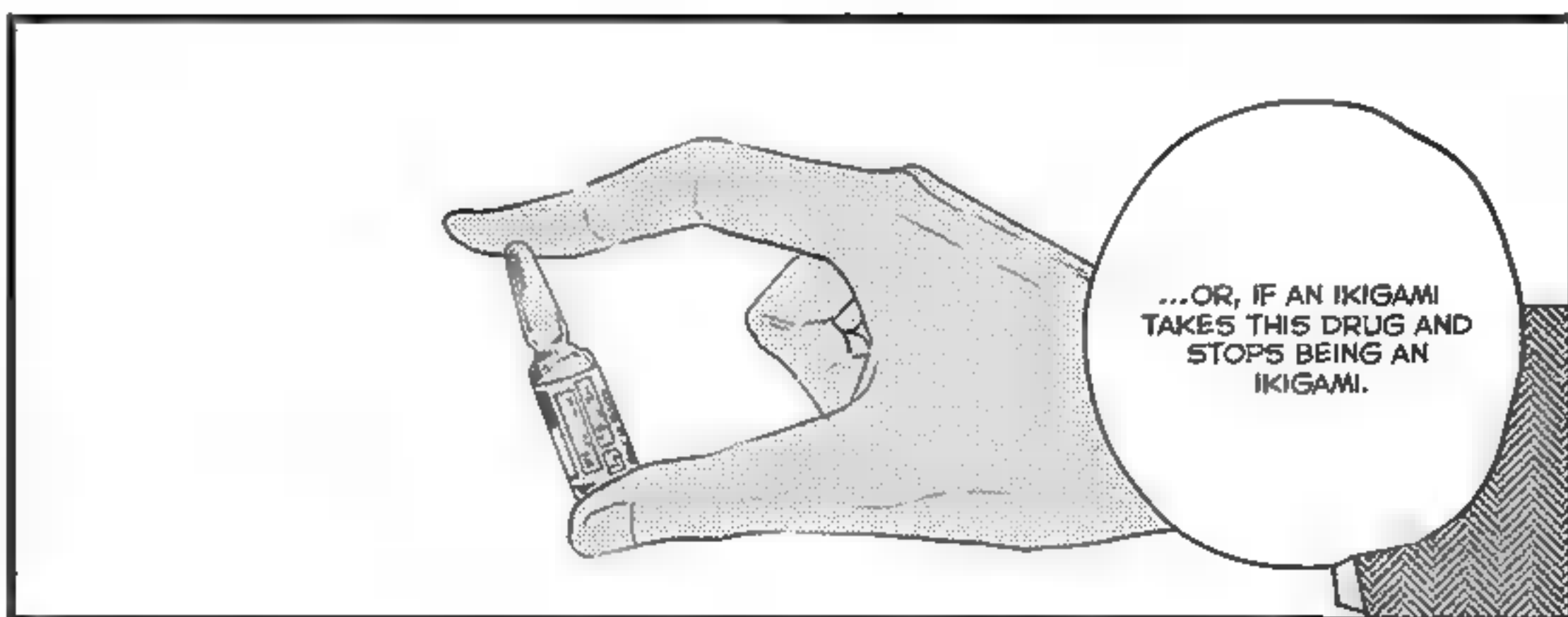




But that future
will never come
true.

Because I'm an ikigami.





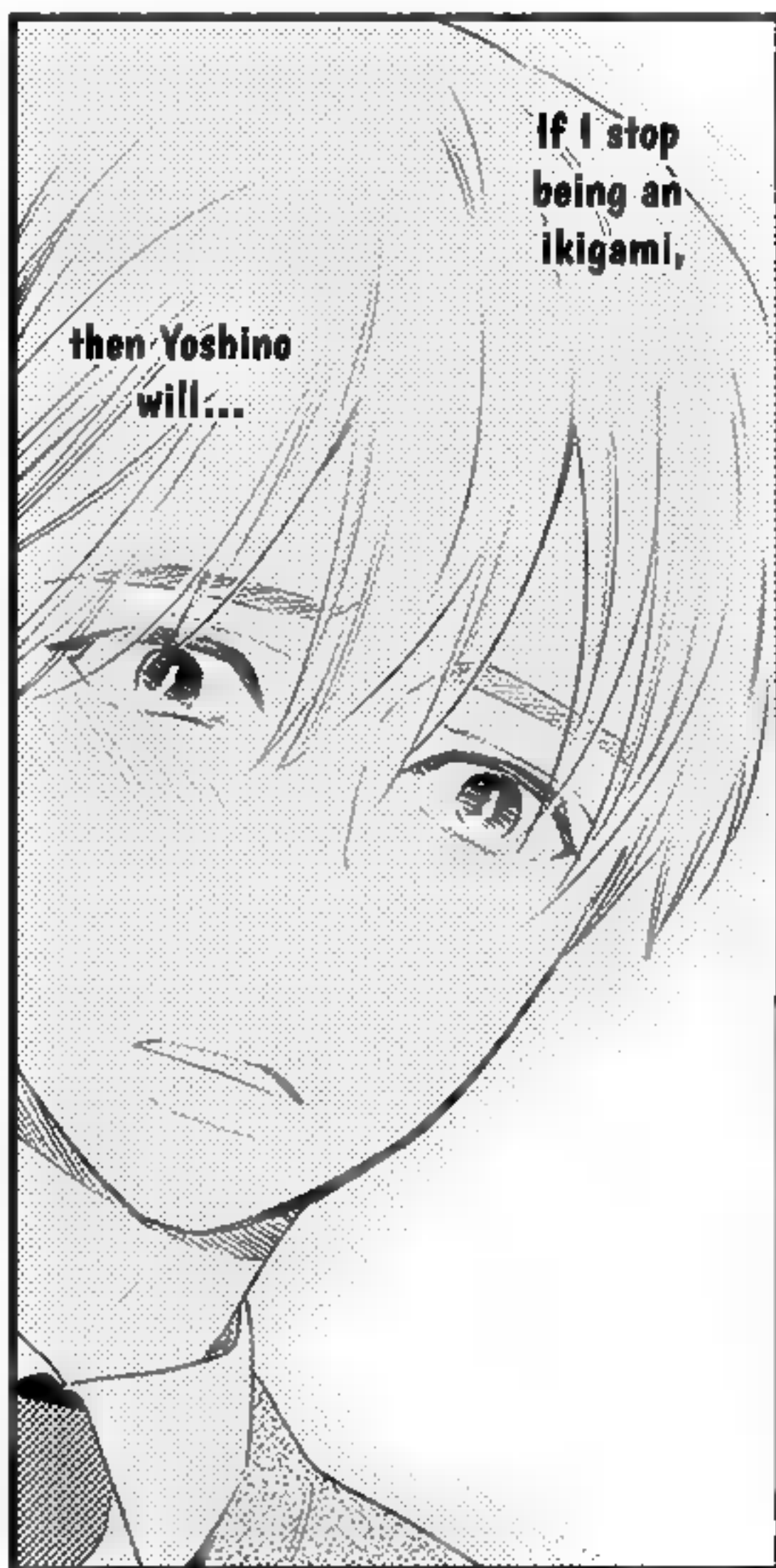
...OR, IF AN IKIGAMI
TAKES THIS DRUG AND
STOPS BEING AN
IKIGAMI.

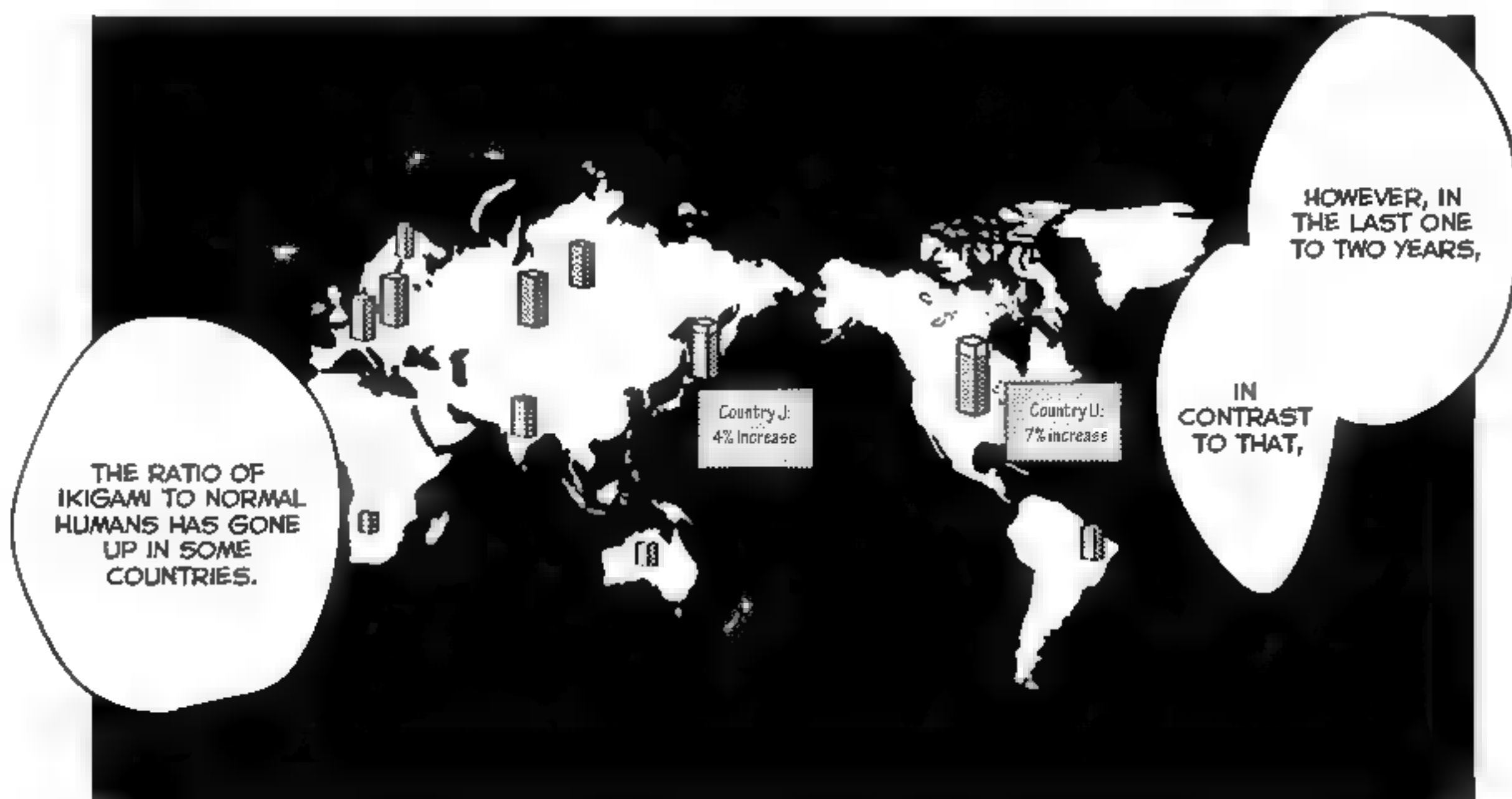


If one quits ~~being~~ an
~~ikigami~~,



being ■ ikigami
become a normal
person.





BUT IT
COULD JUST BE
INCOMPLETE
DATA.

IT'S POSSIBLE THE
RISE IS FROM PREVIOUS-
LY UNDETECTED IKIGAMI
BEING DISCOVERED.

IT'S HIGHLY
POSSIBLE THAT
THEY'VE ANALYZED
THE MAKEUP OF
IKIGAMI.

OUR
COUNTRY J AND
THE GREAT
COUNTRY
OF U.

Country J:
4% increase

Country U:
7% increase

THEN COUNTRY
U TOO?

THEN OUR
COUNTRY LOSES
ITS ADVANTAGE.

AND I WILL BE
ARRESTED.

HOWEVER, I
WILL HAVE LIT
THE TORCH...

IF YOU
DO THAT,
THEN...

WHILE WE KNOW
HOW TO CREATE
MORE IKIGAMI,

AND HOW TO CURE
AND MINIMIZE THE
IKIGAMI.

AND I PLAN TO LEAK
THAT TO THE WORLD.





TEN YEARS AGO.

I WAS...ALSO
A DONOR.



MY IKIGAMI WAS
KILLED TEN YEARS
AGO.

THE ONLY THING I GAVE
HIM WAS MY EYE.



YOU WERE
A DONOR?!

...YOU
"WERE?"

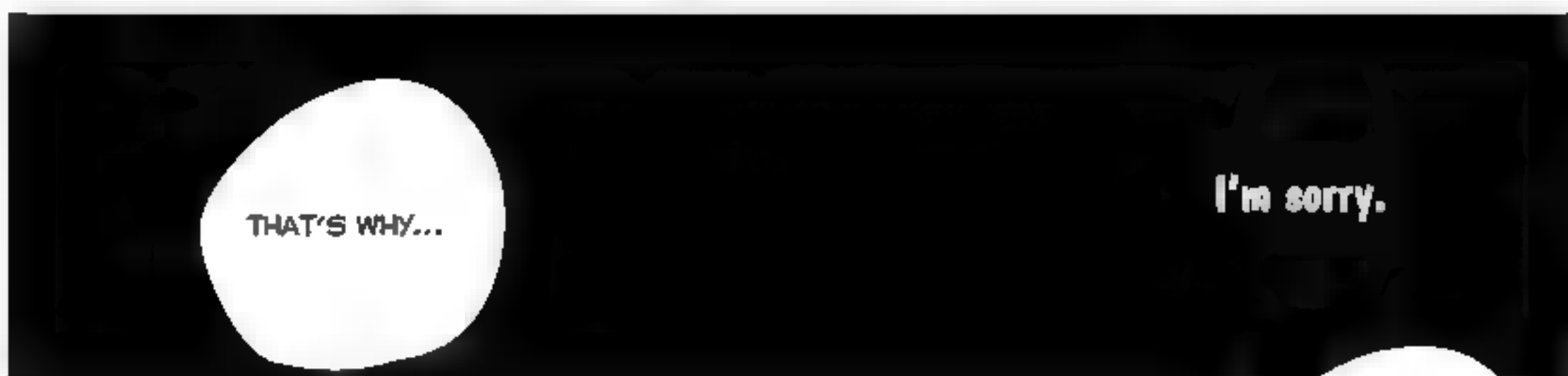


AND MY IKIGAMI
WAS STILL A BOY IN
HIS TEENS.

I'm sorry,
Shibata-san



I WAS A USELESS
DONOR, UNABLE TO
PROTECT MY IKIGAMI.



THAT'S WHY...

I'm sorry.



THIS IS MY OWN
REVENGE.

I don't want to
take anything
away from you
anymore.



I'M NOT DOING
THIS FOR YOUR
SAKES.



of ■■■
ikigami...

Shibata-san
was a donor...



Of a
dead, teenage
ikigami...



...It's not ■■■









I WON'T BE ABLE TO
MAKE YOU STAY WITH
ME ANYMORE.



SO IF I QUIT BEING
AN IKIGAMI,

THEN YOU WILL
ALSO LEAVE ME.

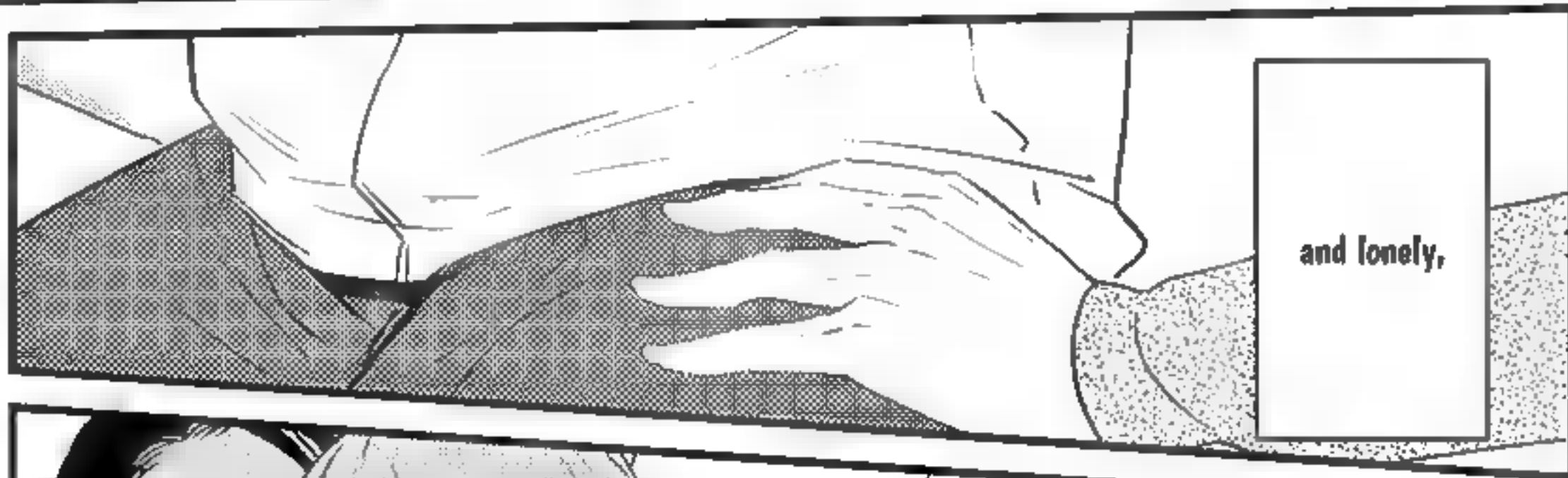


He's strong,

and pitiful,



Grie

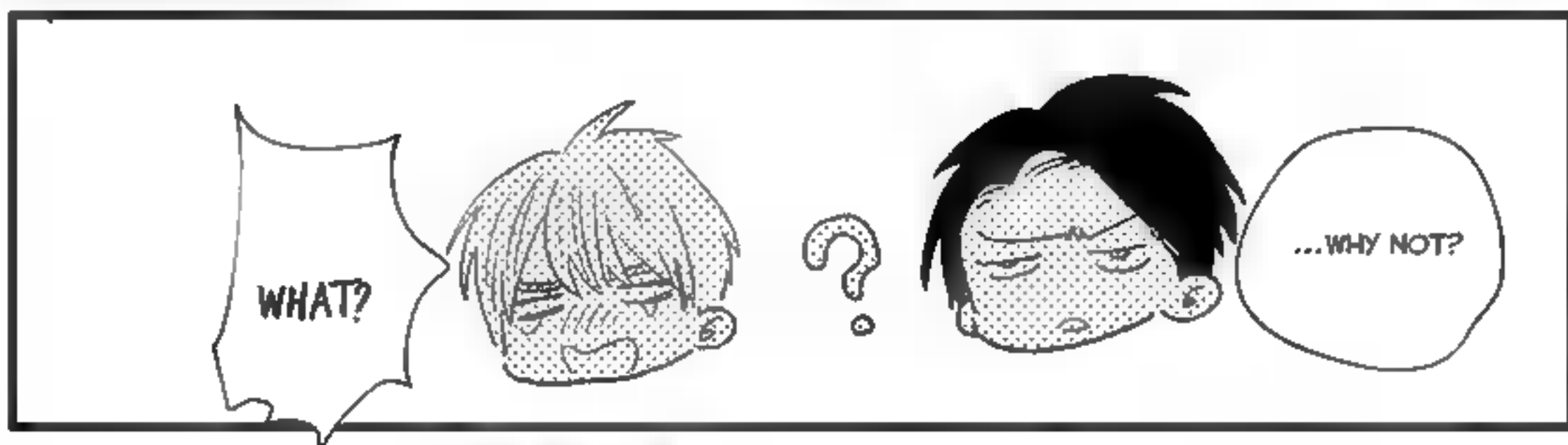


and lonely,



and cute.

My ikigami.





I LIKE IT
WHEN YOU...

TRAP ME IN
YOUR LARGE BODY
EMBRACE.



...YOU FOOL.

DON'T YOU
KNOW?



THERE WON'T BE
ANY BENEFITS FOR
STAYING WITH ME.



LONELY EYES.

I LIKE YOUR CHILDISH,

DON'T YOU GET
IT NOW?





**QUIT BEING AN
IKIGAMI.**

**I understood
that, and
yet...**



**My gut
feels warm.**

If...



**when he's
in my arms
and we
share our
warmth...**

**When Yoshino's
honey-sweet
scent envelops**



we stop being
ikigami and
donor,

will this feeling
disappear?

I WANT TO
QUIT.



But still,

I WANT TO QUIT
BEING AN IKIGAMI.

...I'LL QUIT.

**If you can
grant me that
■ wish,**



**I WANT TO BE WITH
YOU FOREVER.**

**that is all I
will ■ wish
for.**





AND THE DUTIES FOR
THOSE WHO HAVE A
DONOR ARE SEVERE...

NO ONE KNOWS IF
YOU'LL COME BACK
FROM THIS BATTLE
UNSCATHED.



GRAB

KIDOU...

THE RISK OF
THE GOVERNMENT
FINDING OUT IS
THAT MUCH
HIGHER. I NEED
YOU TO UNDER-
STAND THIS.

AND BECAUSE
I'VE EXPOSED
THE EXISTENCE
OF THIS CURE
TO YOU TWO,



YOSHINO!



PLEASE TAKE
THE DRUG!



AM I
BEING
TOO SELF-
ISH?!

AM I
SUP-
POSED
TO SEND
YOU OFF
WITH A
SMILE?!

To a place
where you
might
die...

Tanaka,
moving out.



IF YOU'RE
GOING TO
QUIT BEING
AN IKIGAMI,

YOU NEED
TO MAKE THE
DECISION!



BUT!

HAVING LET GO OF
YOUR HAND HERE!

I DON'T
EVER
WANT TO
REGRET,



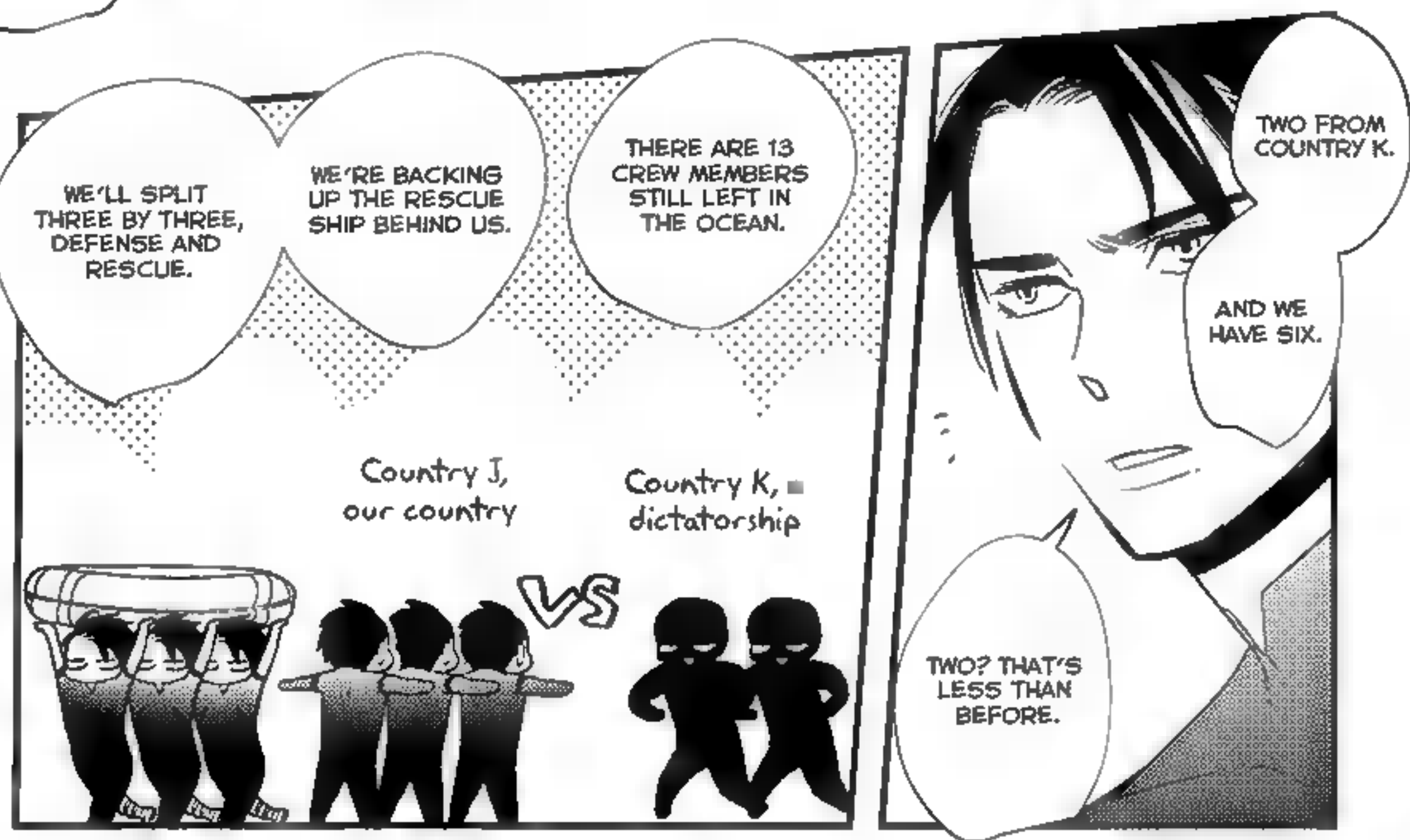


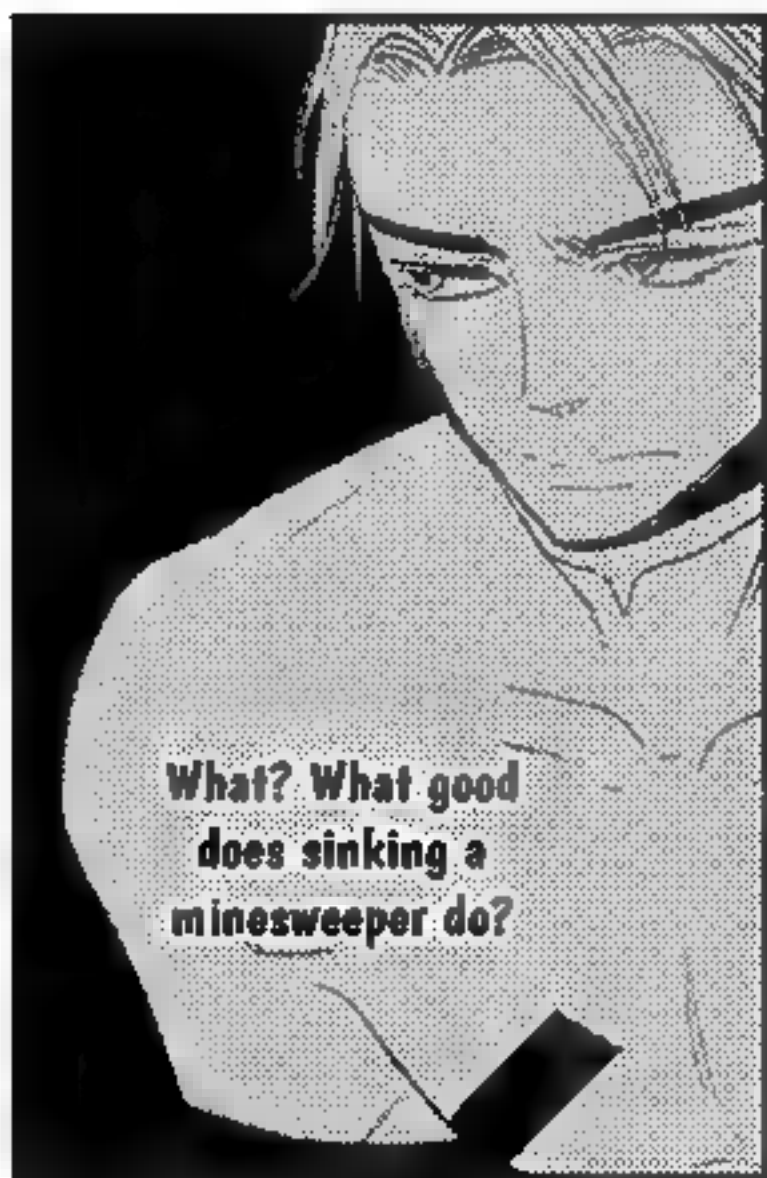
...ONCE I GET BACK,
I'M QUITTING!



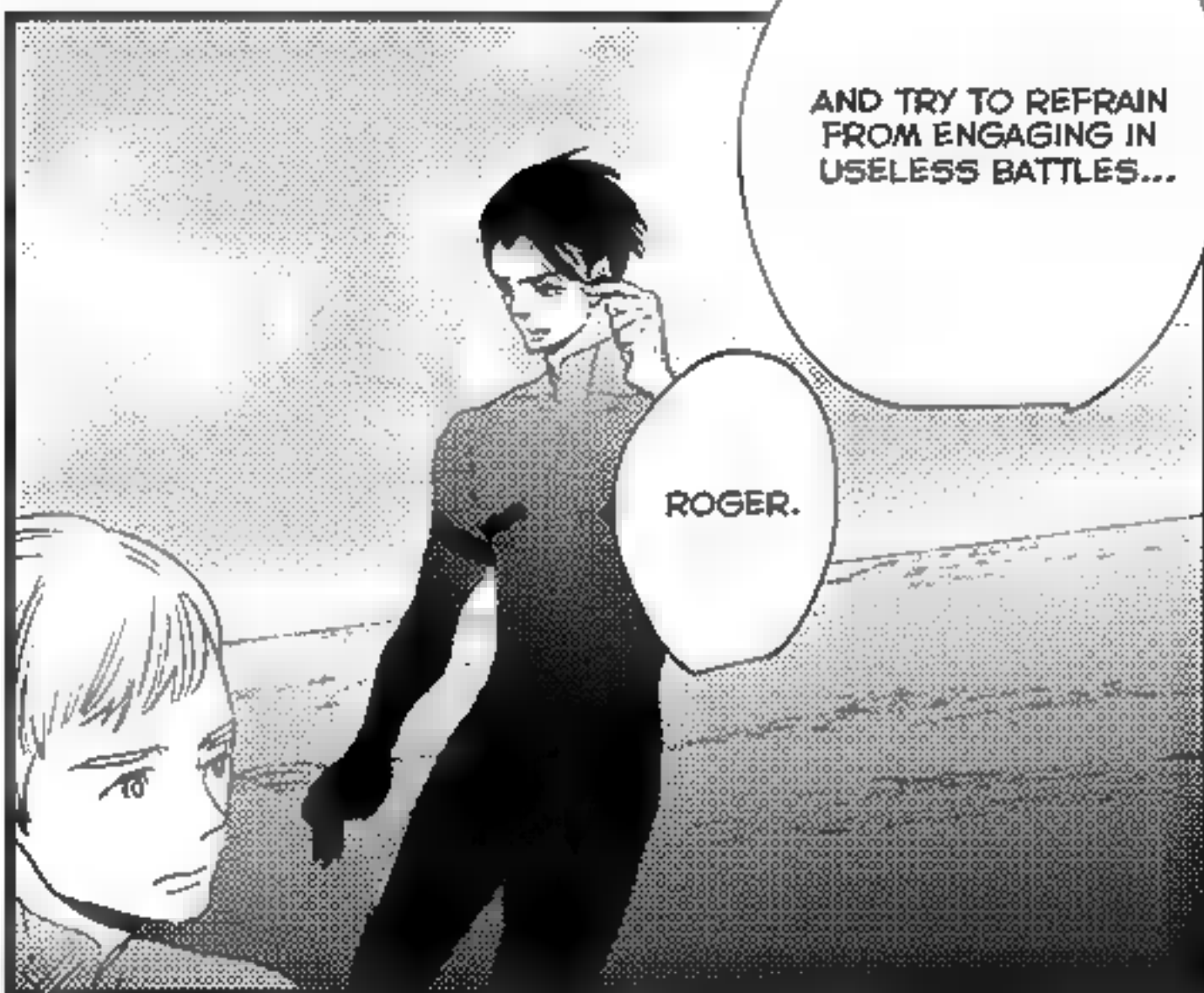
THIS WILL BE MY
LAST MISSION.





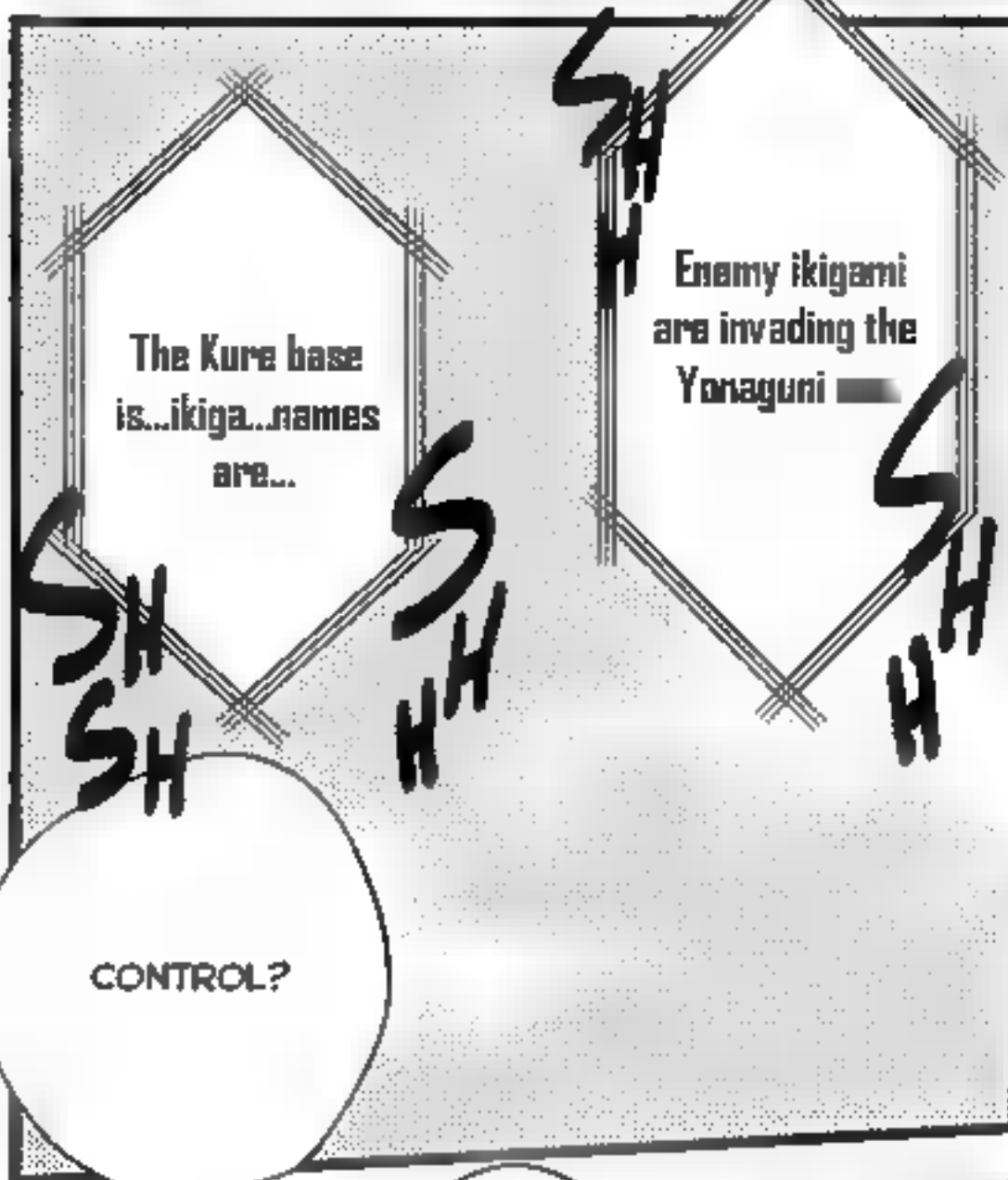


What? What good
does sinking a
minesweeper do?



ROGER.

AND TRY TO REFRAIN
FROM ENGAGING IN
USELESS BATTLES...



The Kure base
is...ikiga..names
are...

Enemy ikigami
are invading the
Yonaguni

CONTROL?



And he's
not there
either.

And it's
only two of
them?

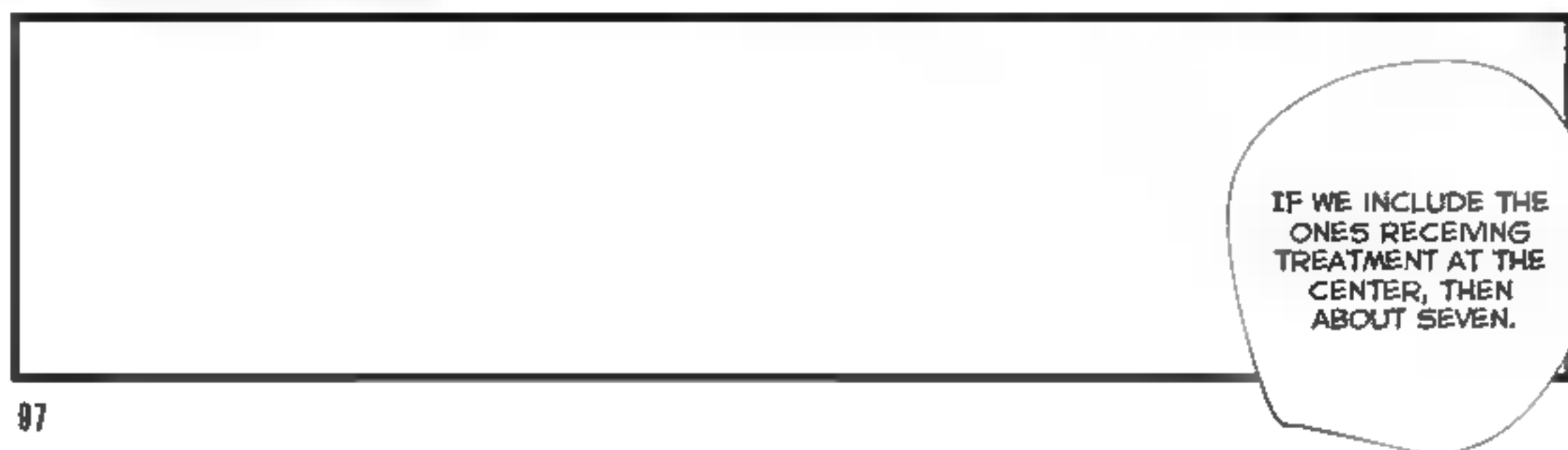
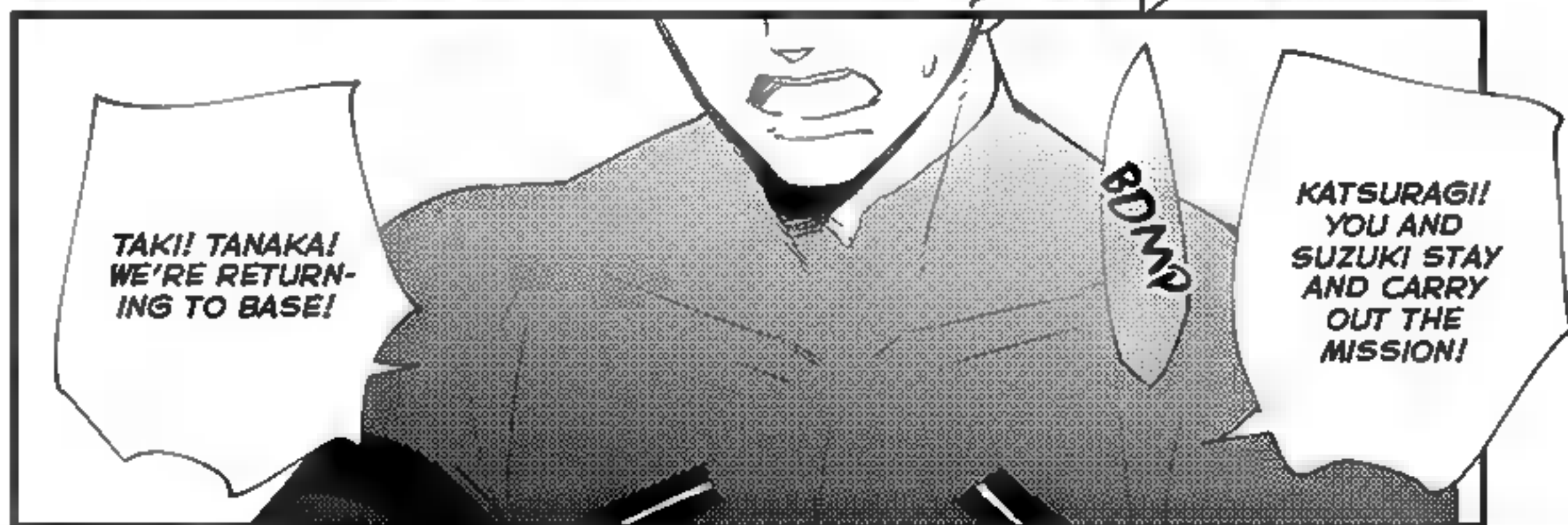


SAME HERE.

...WHAT?

...THEY
CUT OFF.

HELLO?!





BUT NO MATTER
IF ANY OF THE DICTA-
TORS WERE LEFT
BEHIND,

THEY WOULDN'T LEAVE
THE PROTECTION OF
THOSE FIGURES
BEHIND.

COUNTRY K IS A
SMALL COUNTRY,
SO EVEN IF WE'RE
LIBERAL WITH THE
ESTIMATE, THEY
PROBABLY HAVE
ABOUT 25
IKIGAMI.



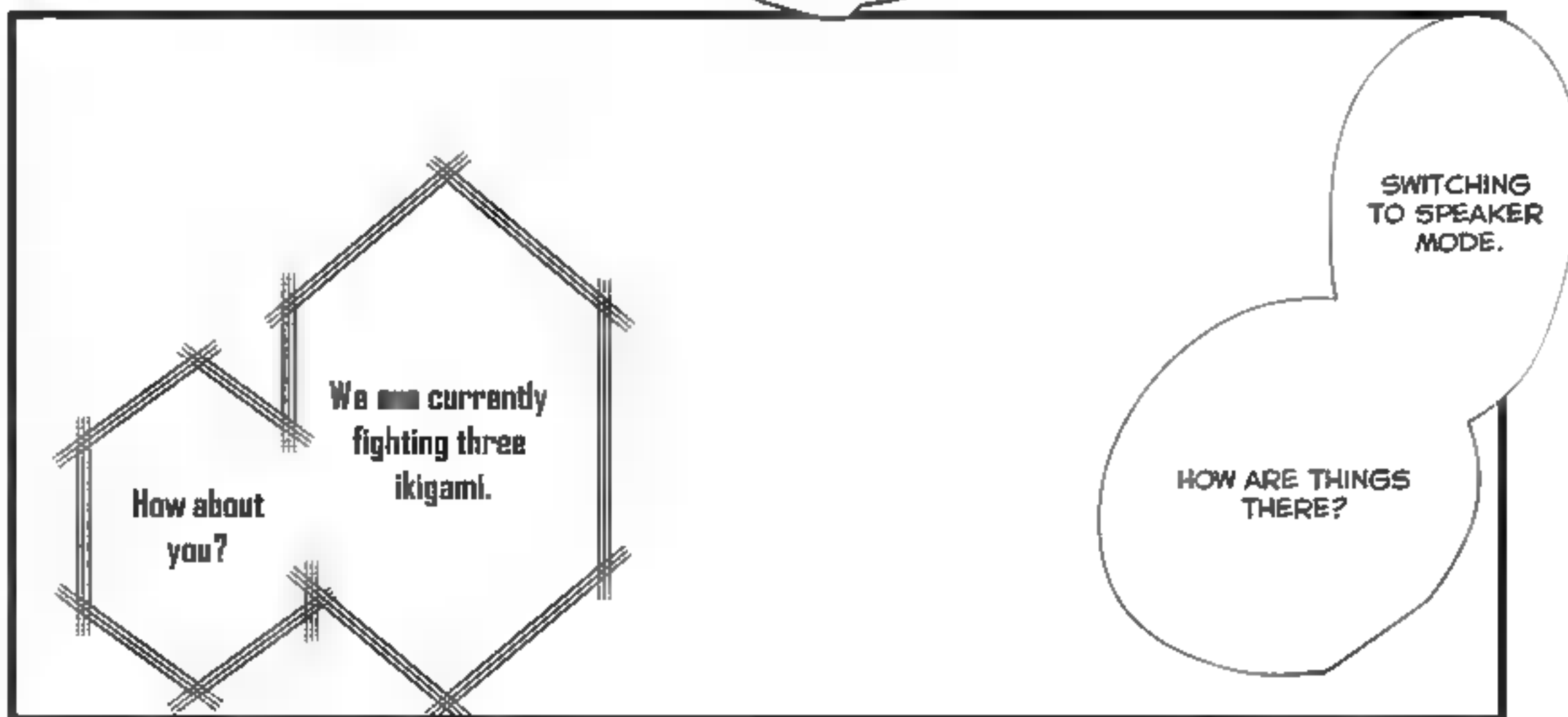
WAIT!

I'VE
CONNECT-
ED WITH
THE KURE
IKIGAMI!

I DON'T
BELIEVE THEY'D
ATTACK OUR
MAINLAND
BASES.

AND WE
HAVE ABOUT
120 IKIGAMI IN
OUR COUNTRY.

SO THERE'S
PROBABLY AT
LEAST TEN OF
THEM LEFT
BEHIND IN THE
COUNTRY.



We are currently
fighting three
ikigami.

How about
you?

SWITCHING
TO SPEAKER
MODE.

HOW ARE THINGS
THERE?

BUT WE CAN'T
REACH THEM.

See?

25 - 10 - 2 - 3 = 10

Ten
left.

TWO FROM
COUNTRY K HERE
AT MAIZURU SEA.
WE HAVE THREE
ON OUR SIDE.

WE HAVEN'T
DONE ANYTHING
AND WERE ABOUT
TO RETURN TO
BASE.

PHEW

Us either.

WERE THEY
HACKED?

Maybe.

TO BE SAFE,
WE'D LIKE TO RE-
QUEST ASSISTANCE
FROM THE COUNTRY U
IKIGAMI STATIONED
AT OKINAWA.

About that...we still
haven't received
confirmation, but...

It ■■■■ like many of
Country U's bases ■■■■
also under attack...

...!

TORCH...?

THAT'S
NOT THE
BASE...!

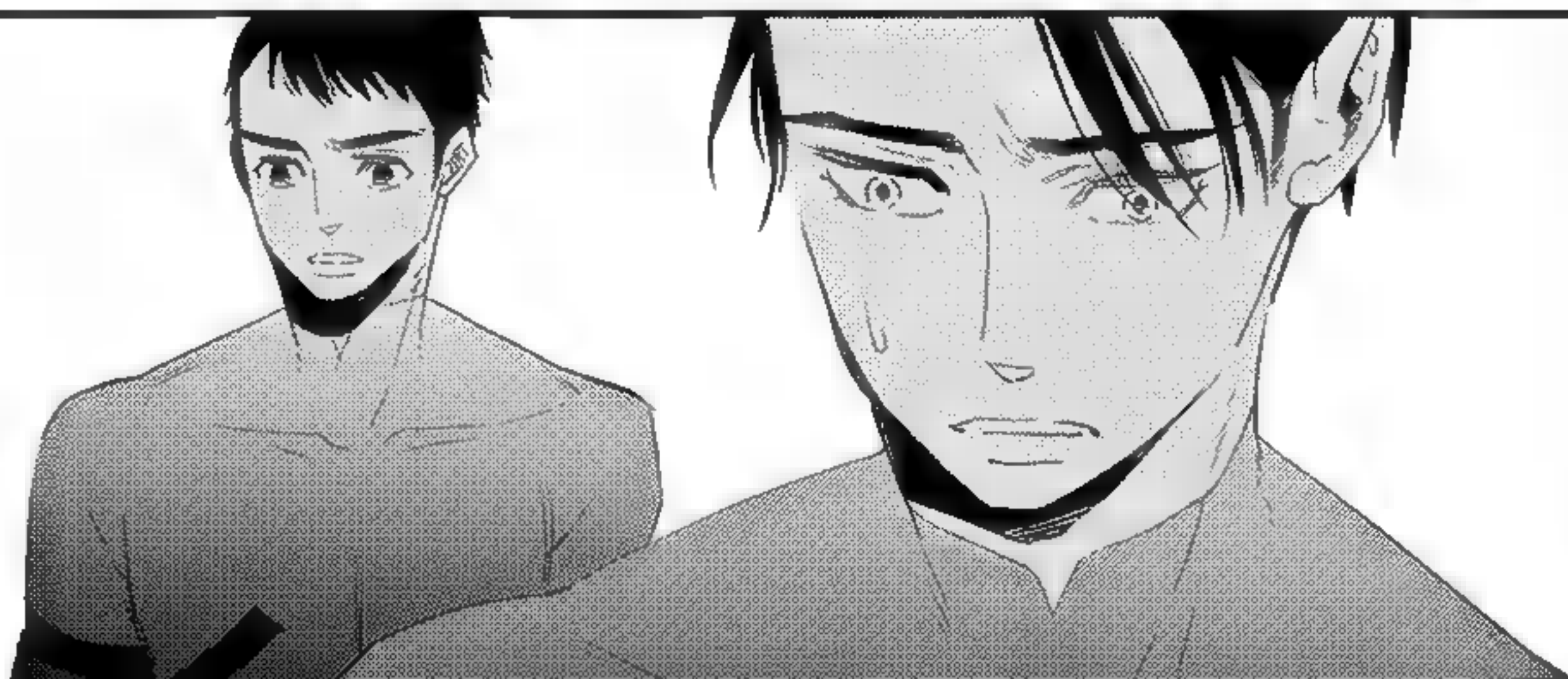
I SEE
SMOKE...
FROM
BASE!

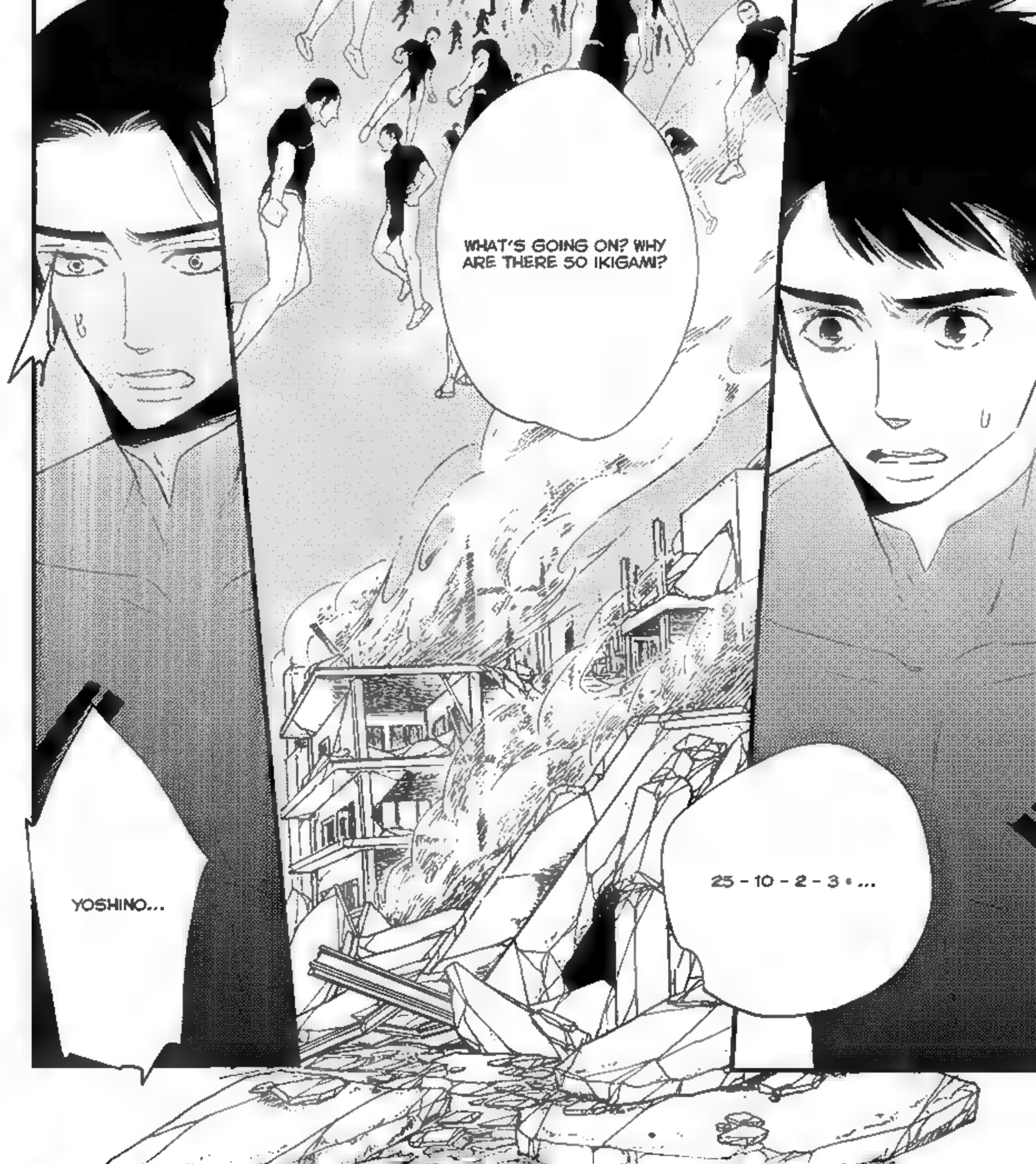
...REACHES A THIRD
COUNTRY,

THAT'S
RIGHT.

IF THE
INFORMATION ON
HOW TO CREATE
OR REDUCE
IKIGAMI...

THEY WILL PROBABLY TRY
TO ATTACK US AND COUN-
TRY U AND TRY TO STEAL
THE DATA FOR THEM-
SELVES.





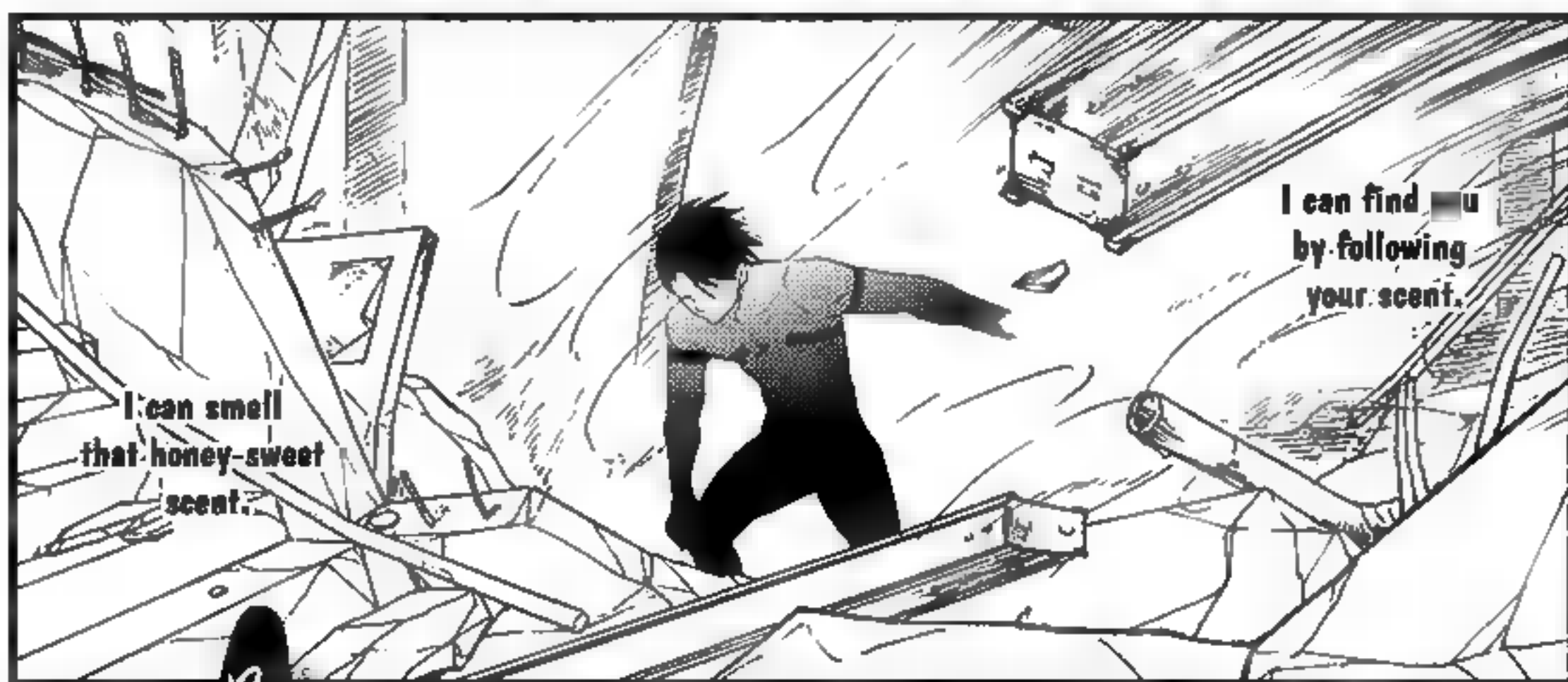
YOSHINO...

WHAT'S GOING ON? WHY
ARE THERE SO IKIGAMI?

25 - 10 - 2 - 3 * ...

there are
three ways.

To cancel an
ikigami-donor
partnership,

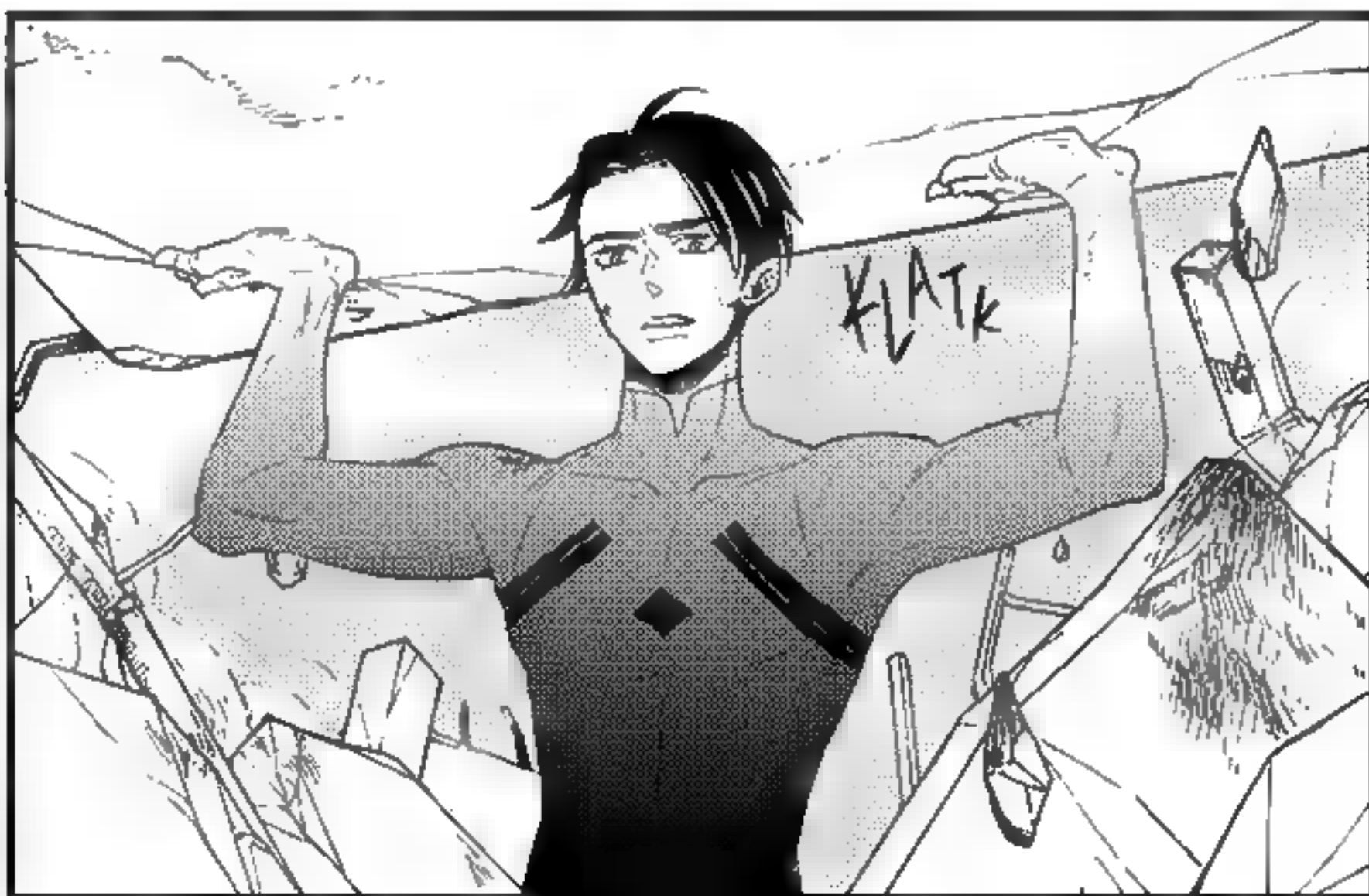




...You understand, don't you?

Because I love you.

Quit being an ikigami.



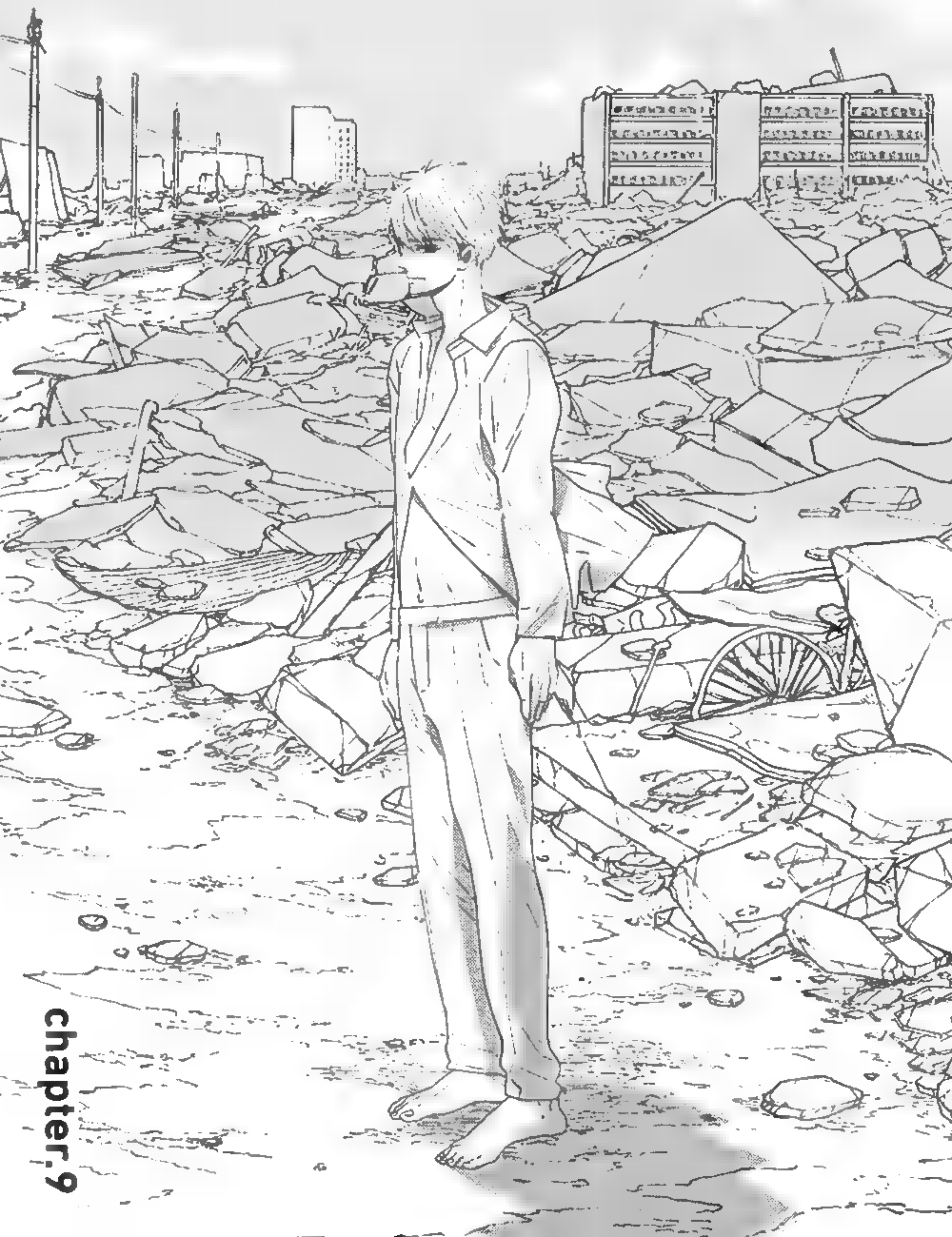


**If the ikigami
dies.**

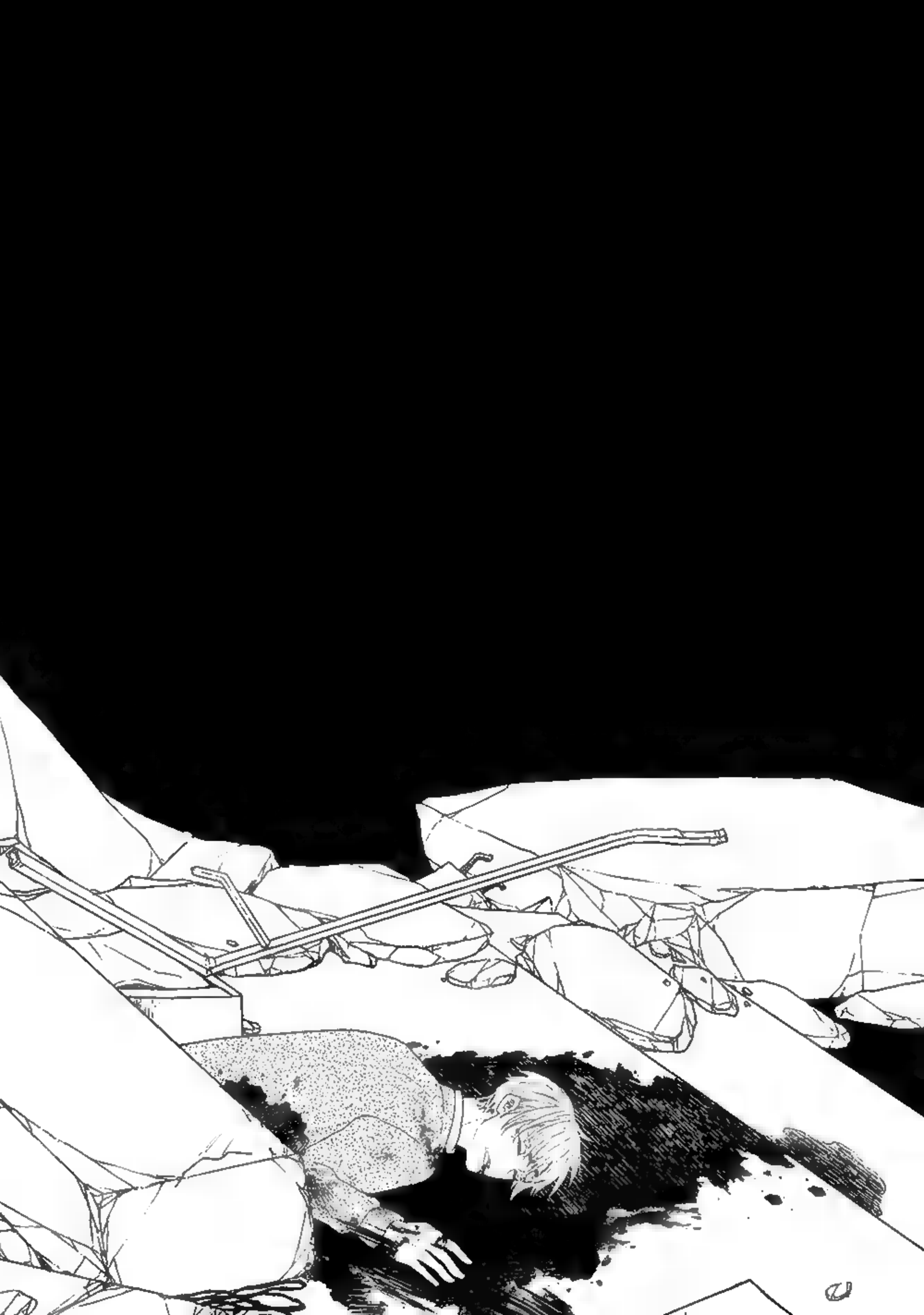
**If an ikigami
sustains injuries
to the point that
transplants don't
work.**

If the donor dies.

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I don't feel any pain.

I can't smell him.

Can you hear me, Taki-kun?

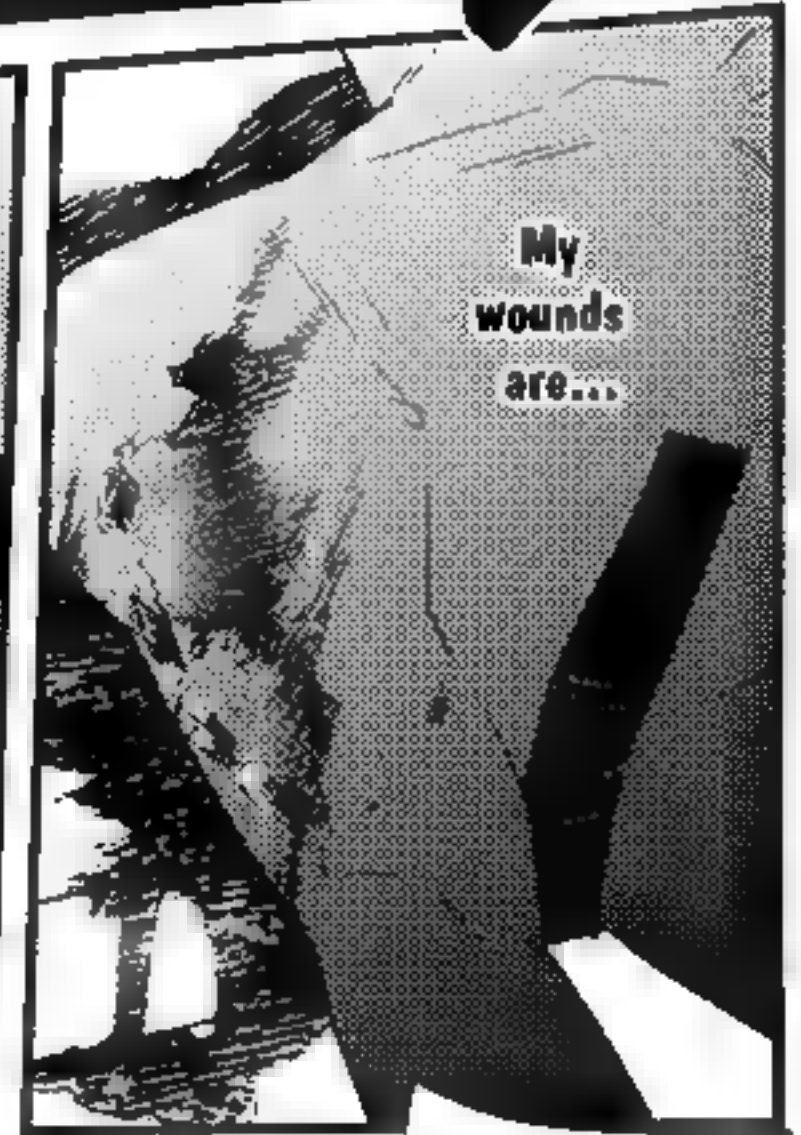
We are gathering all ikigami together to head towards there. You guys need to join them.

I think the Country K ikigami are heading inland to the central ikigami medical center.

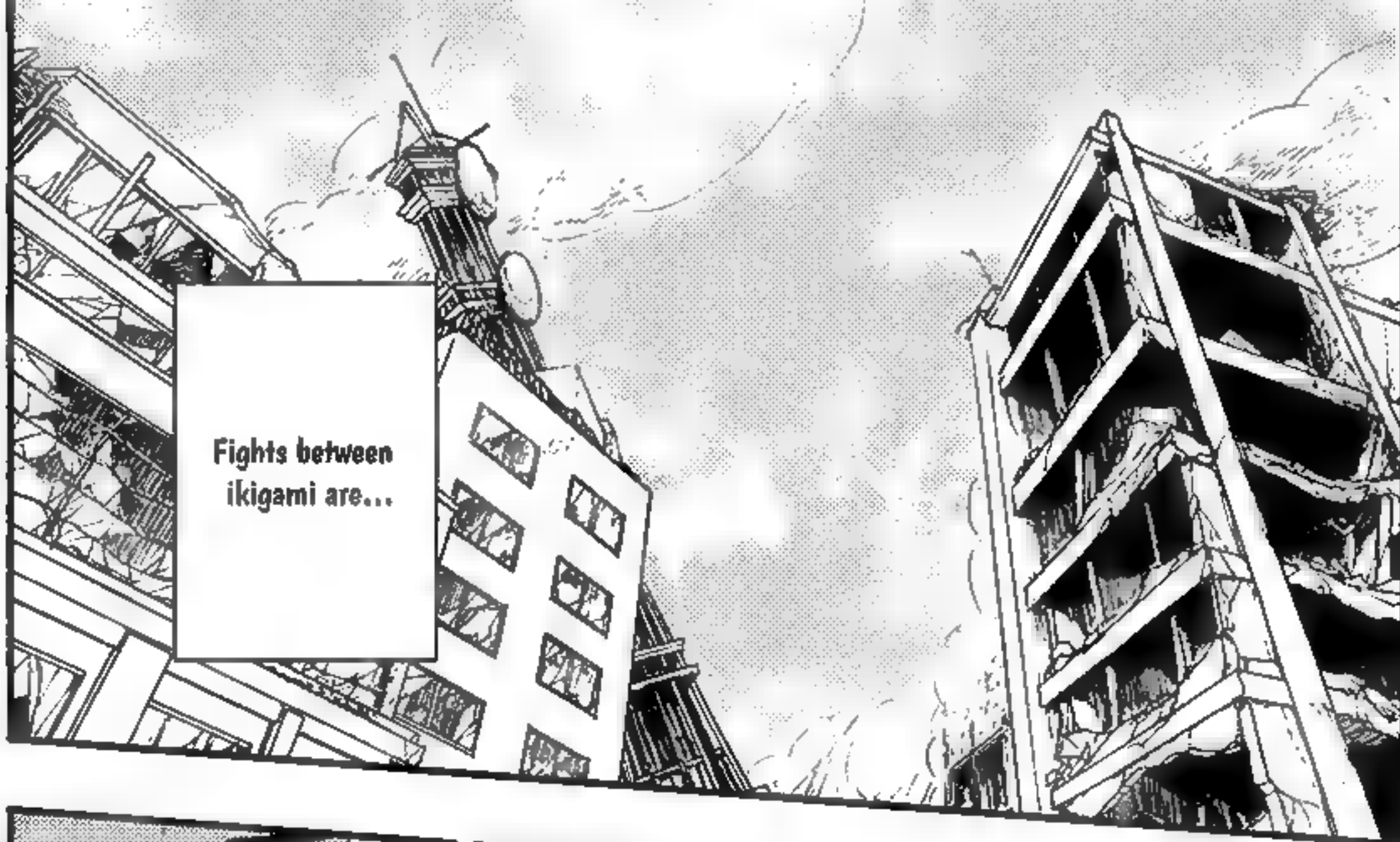
I'm fine.

SHIBATA-SAN?! ARE YOU OKAY?

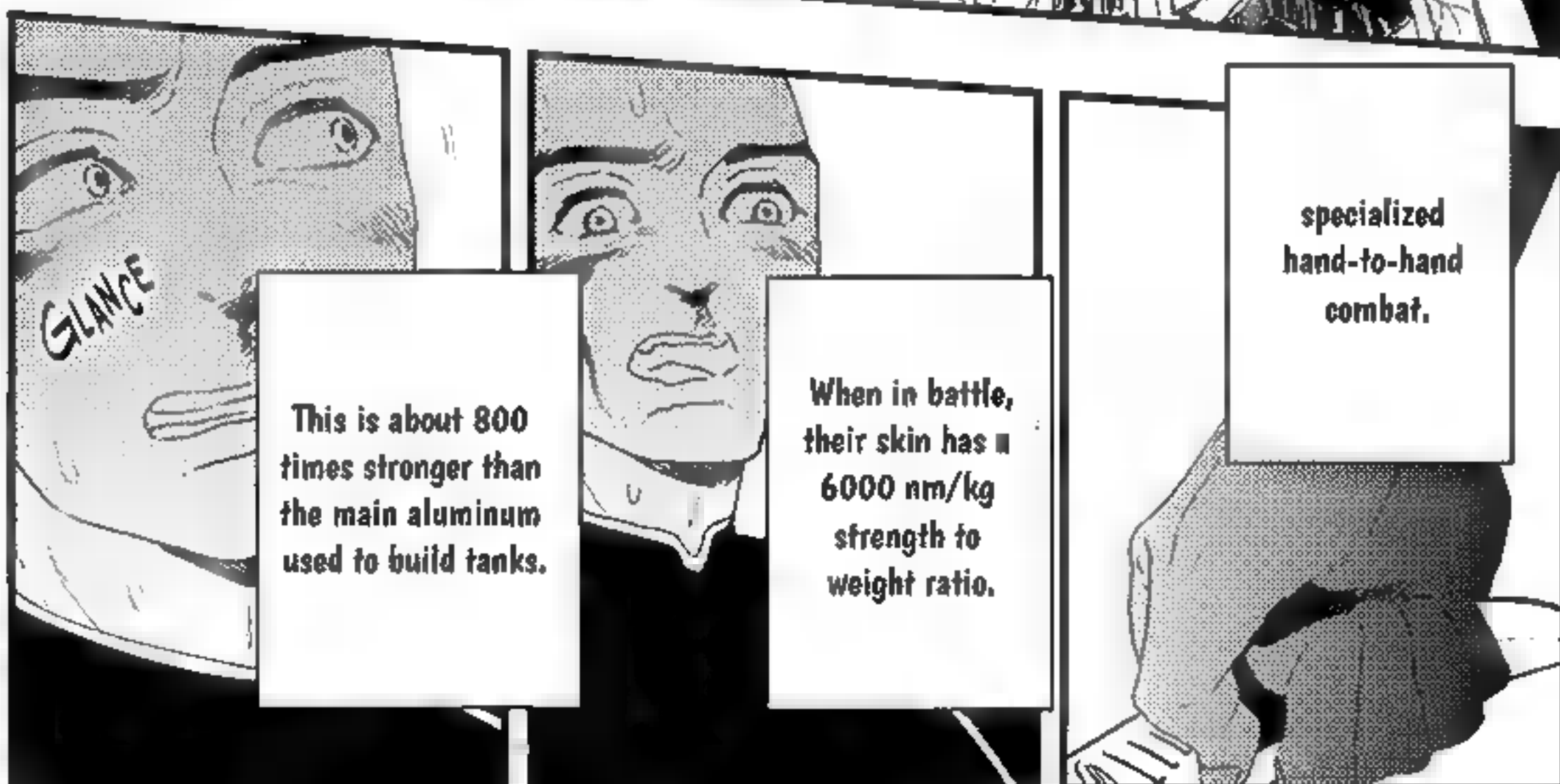








Fights between
ikigami are...



GLANCE

This is about 800
times stronger than
the main aluminum
used to build tanks.

When in battle,
their skin has a
6000 nm/kg
strength to
weight ratio.

specialized
hand-to-hand
combat.



WAIT...! WAIT!
I CAN'T FIGHT
ANYMORE!

250
times
stronger
than tita-
nium.



To pierce through that skin, their battles must be extremely gruesome.

I-I SURRENDER!
SO DON'T...

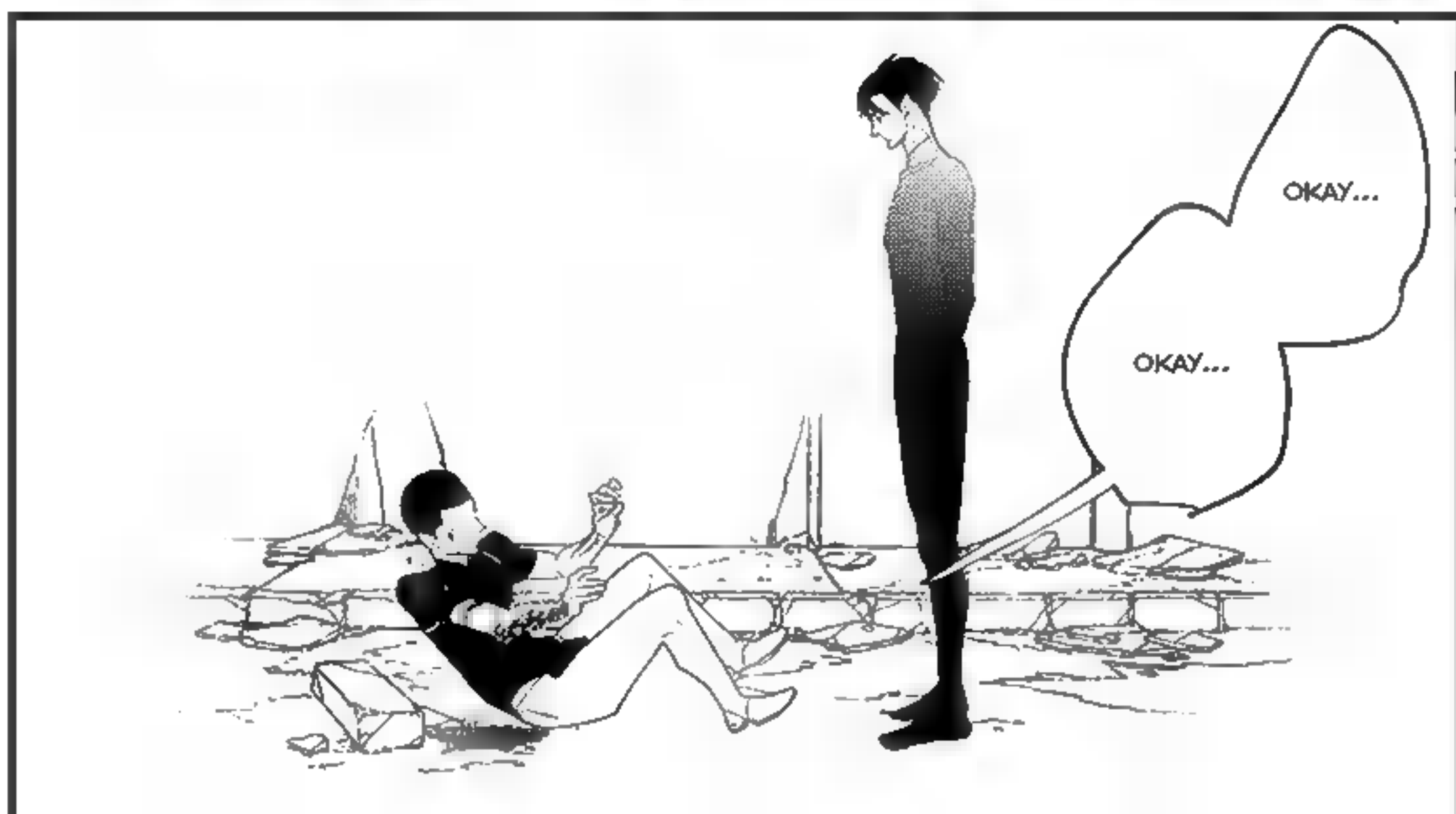


GIVE ME
YOUR HAND.

STRONG
ENOUGH TO
BIND AN
IKIGAMI.

THIS
IS...

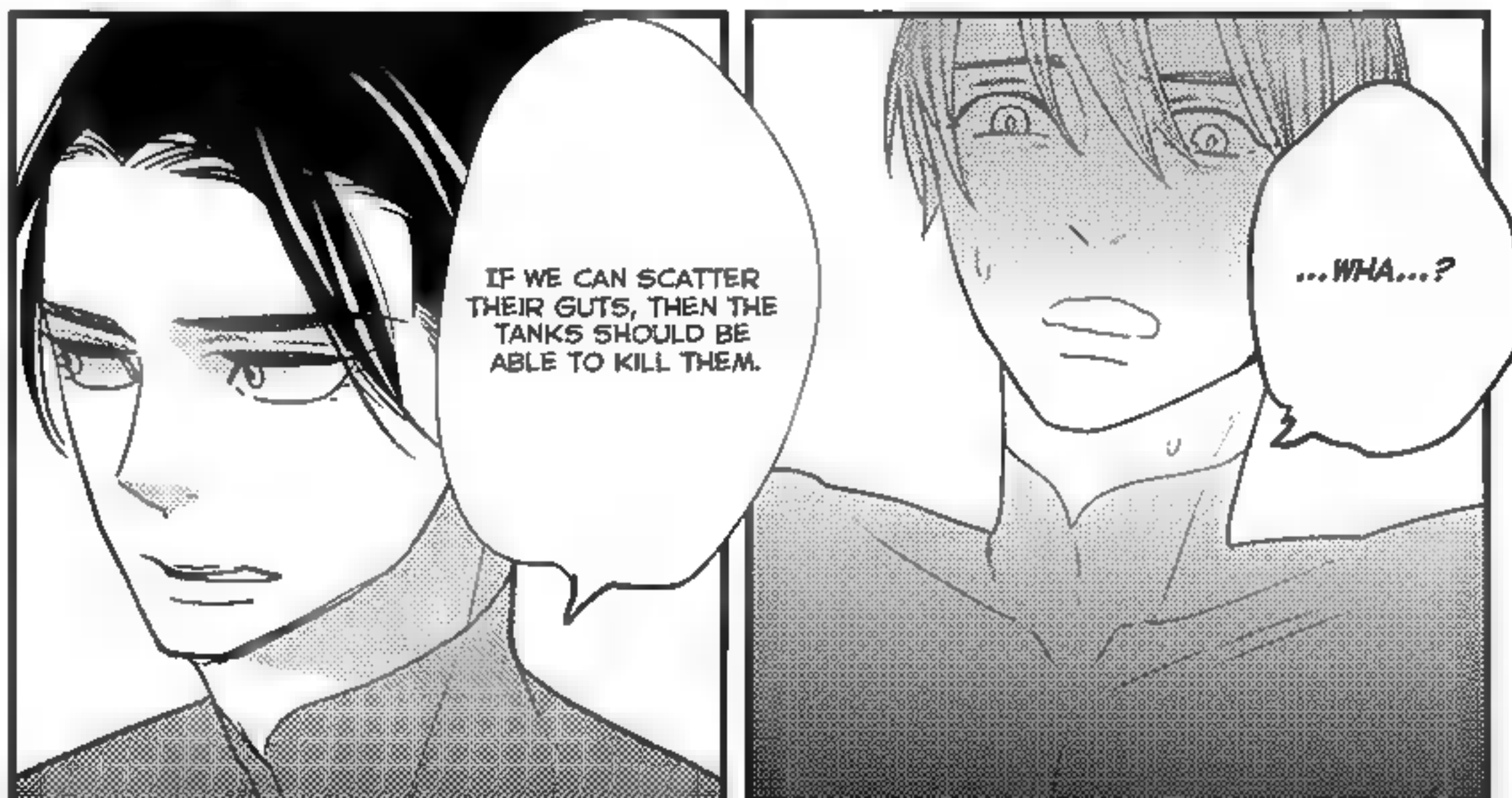
...A SPECIAL
CARBON NANO-
TUBE DEVEL-
OPED BY OUR
COUNTRY.



OKAY...

OKAY...









Slice,

Capture,

AGHH!

If I'm going to
destroy, then
I'll destroy with
my own hands.



...!

...what I
learned in
training.

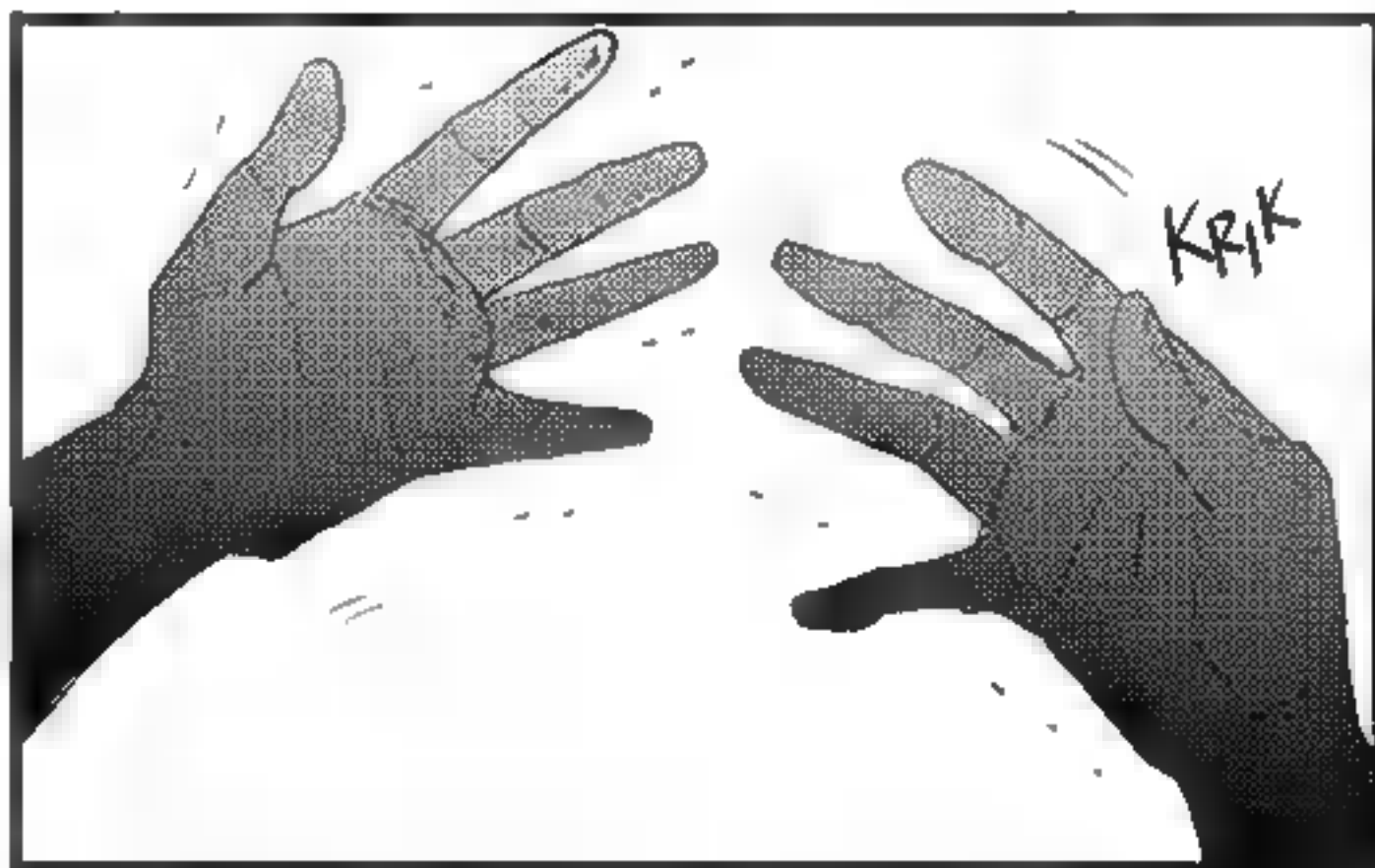
I'm just doing...



I don't smell
anything.



I don't feel anything.





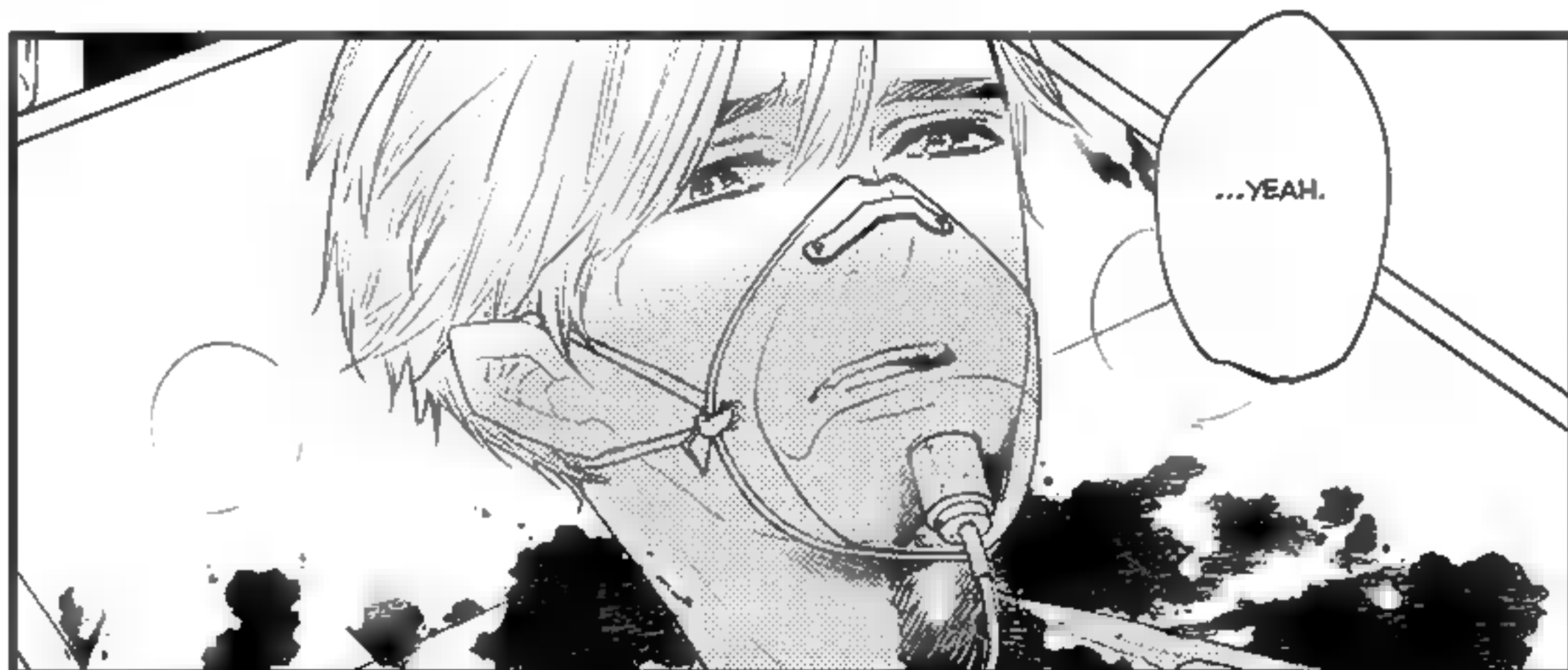




CAN I...

...Yeah.

...CALL OUT TO YOU
AGAIN?







I just want you to
come back to me.



JUST YOU.

Ikigami
can not...



...live without
a donor.

NO MATTER HOW
YOU ARE...

...IT'S ALL YOURS.

I'LL GIVE YOU
EVERYTHING
THAT I HAVE.

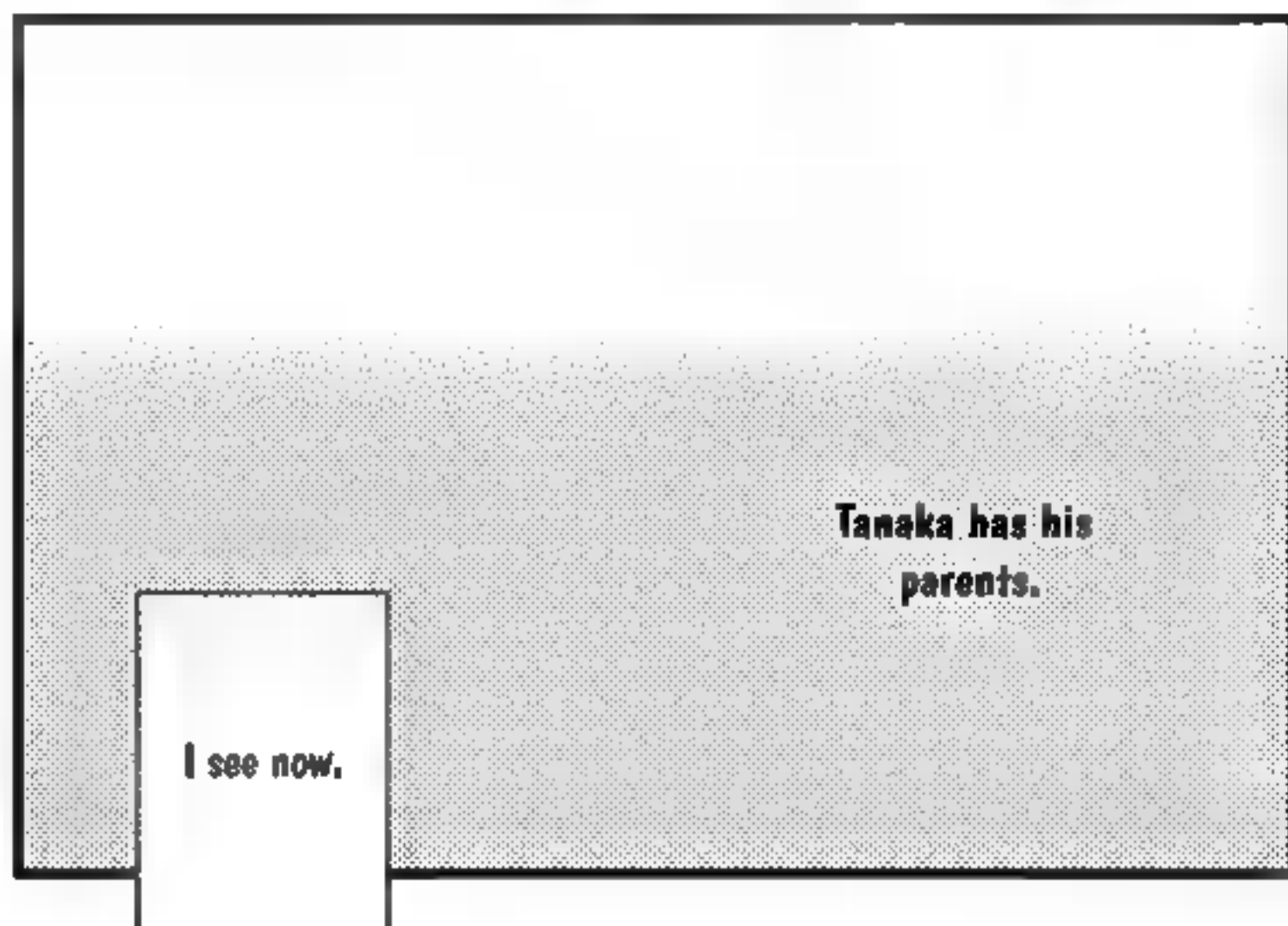
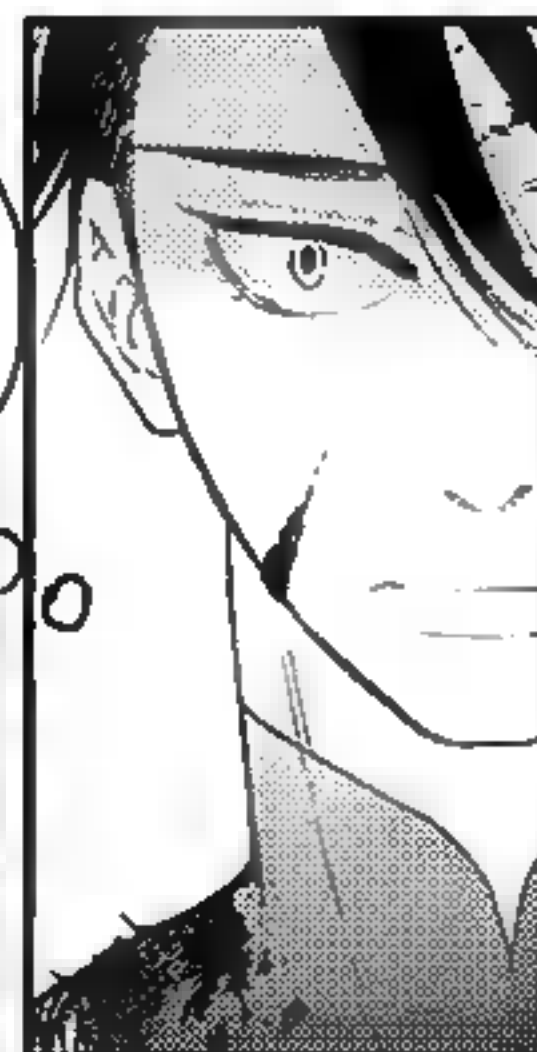
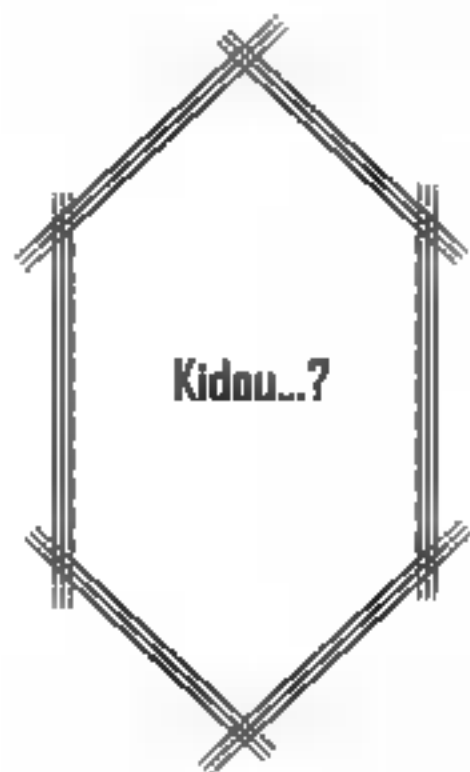
MY EYES, MY
BLOOD, MY
ARMS...



...SO JUST COME
BACK ALIVE...

BECAUSE I CAN'T LIVE
WITHOUT YOU.

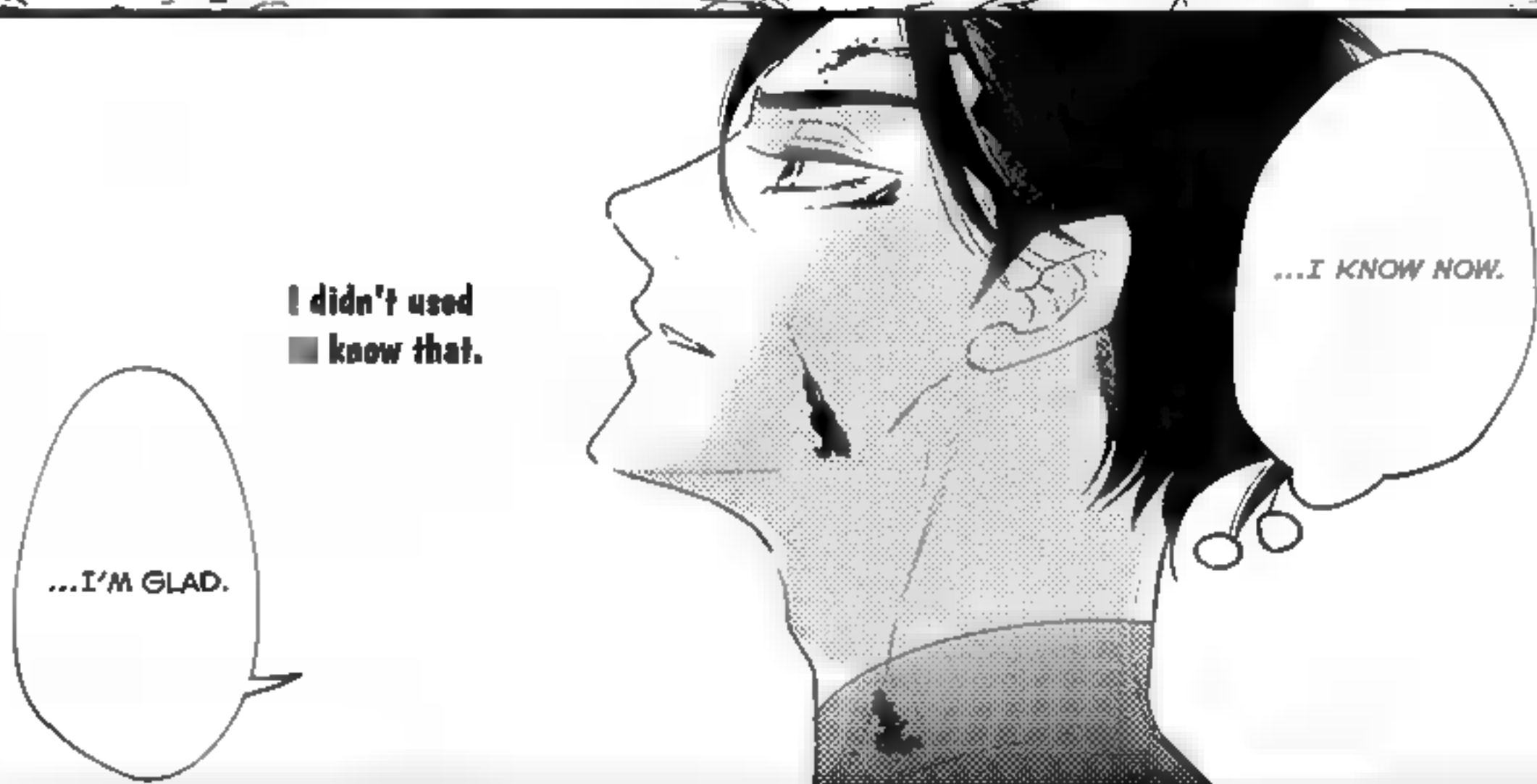






That's why
everyone fights.

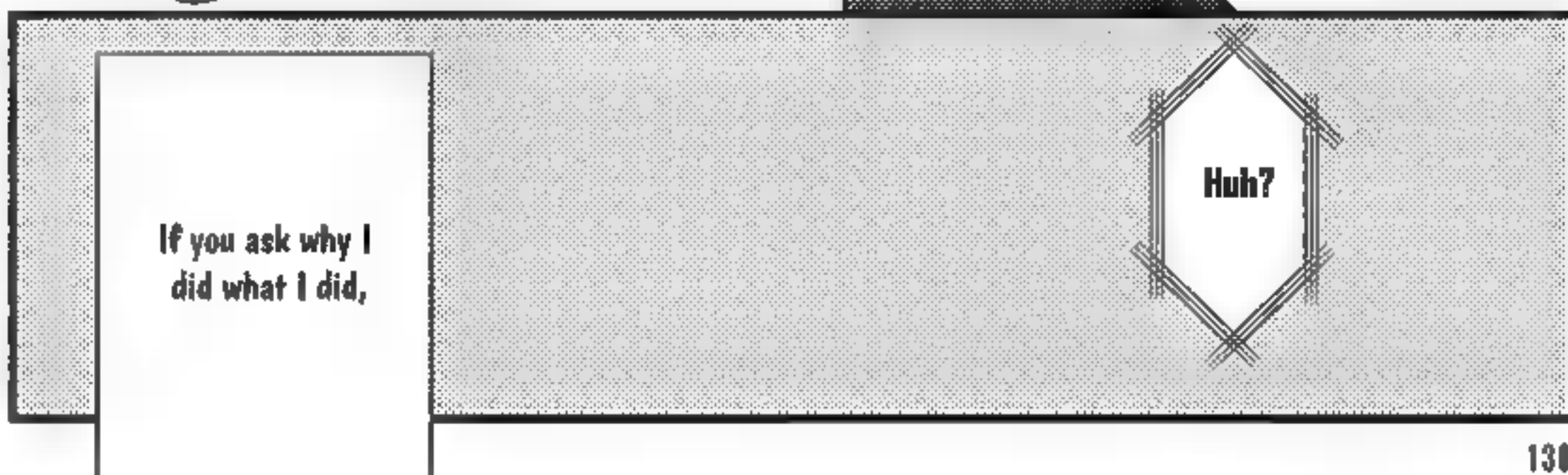
Because they
have "something
to protect."



I didn't used
to know that.

...I KNOW NOW.

...I'M GLAD.



If you ask why I
did what I did,

Huh?



I can only say that ■
light ■ lit some-
where deep in my
chest.



"I CAN'T LIVE
WITHOUT YOU."



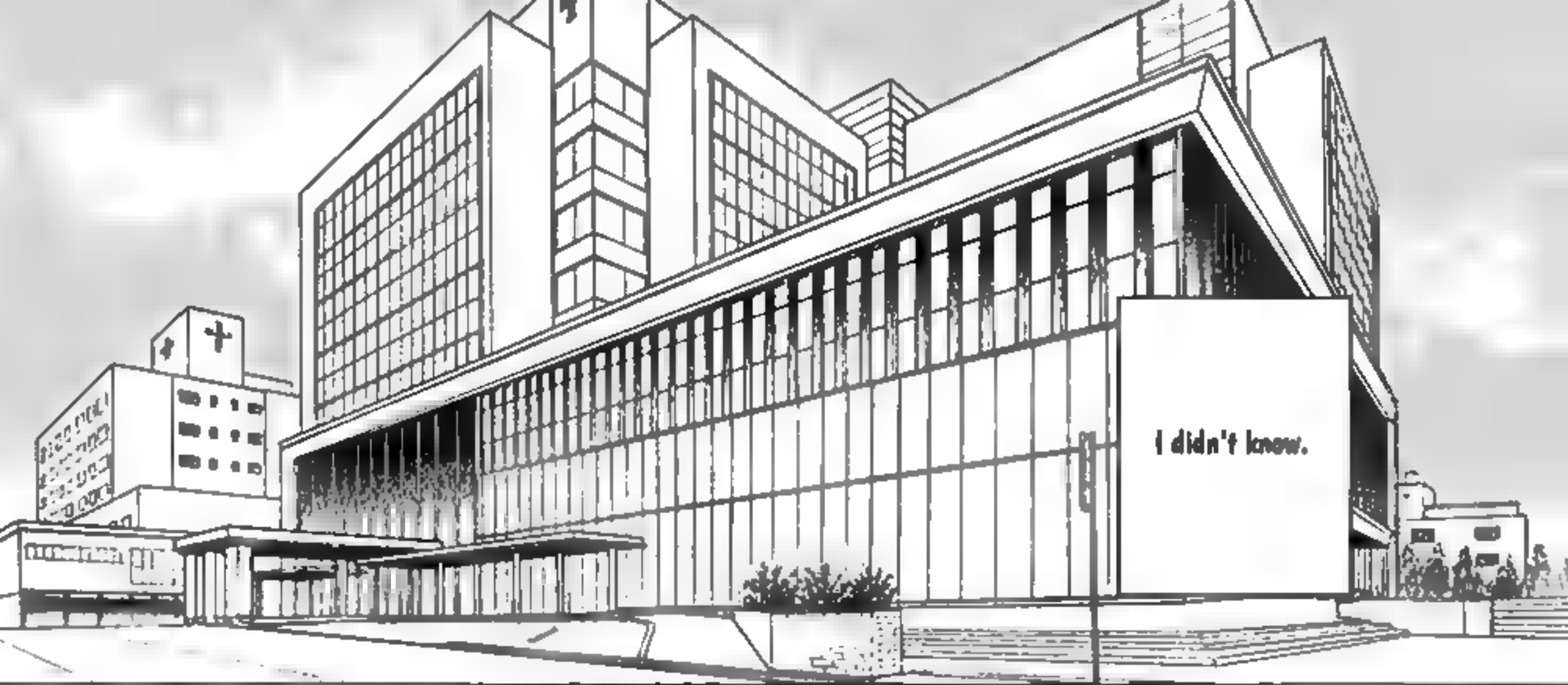




**But I didn't
know...**

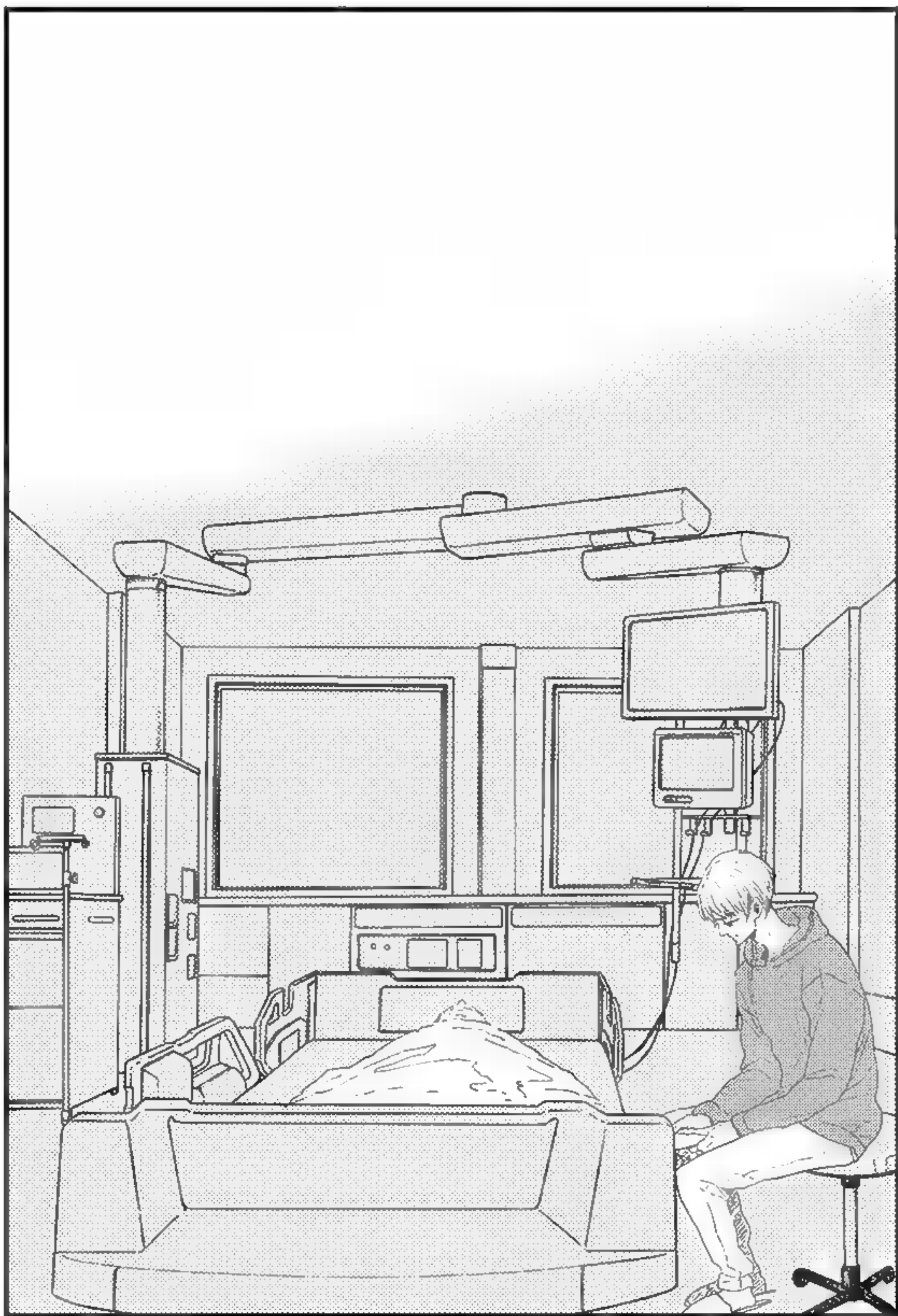
**...whether what
changed was for
better or worse.**

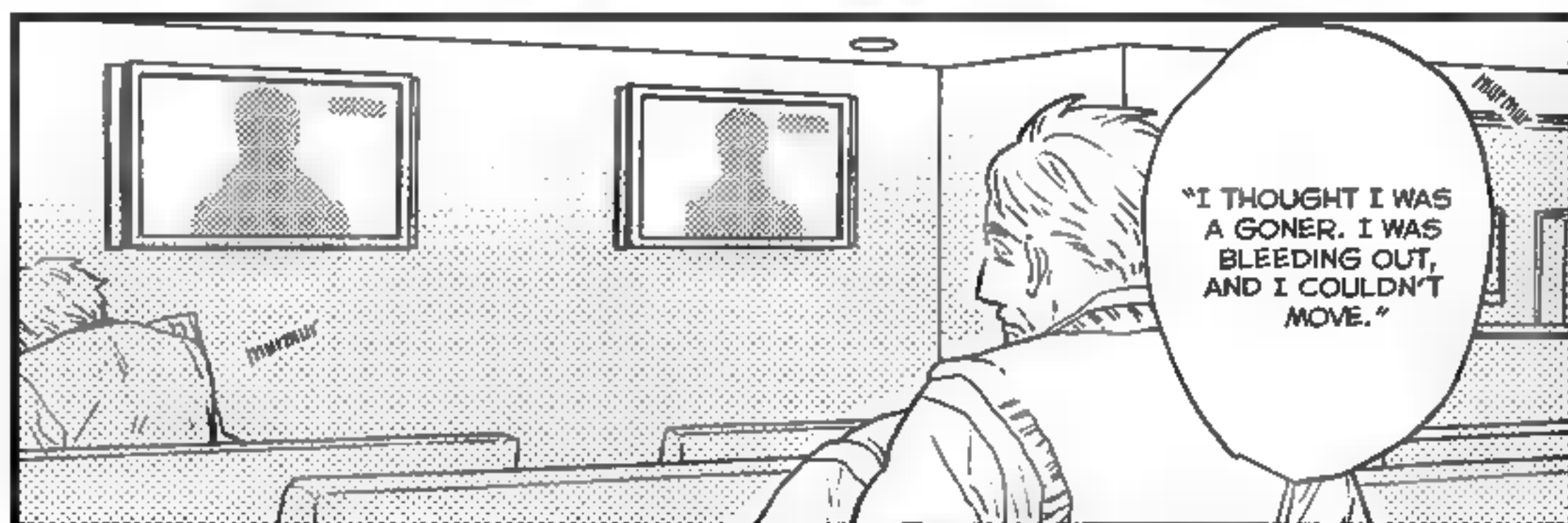


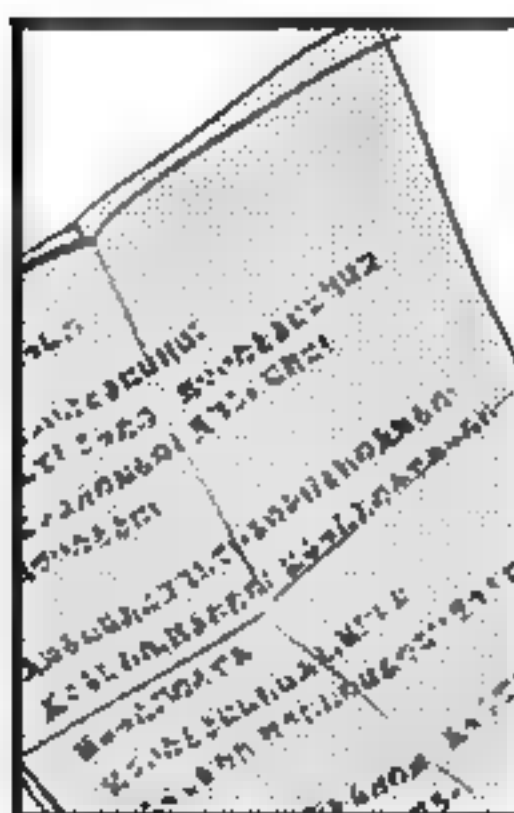
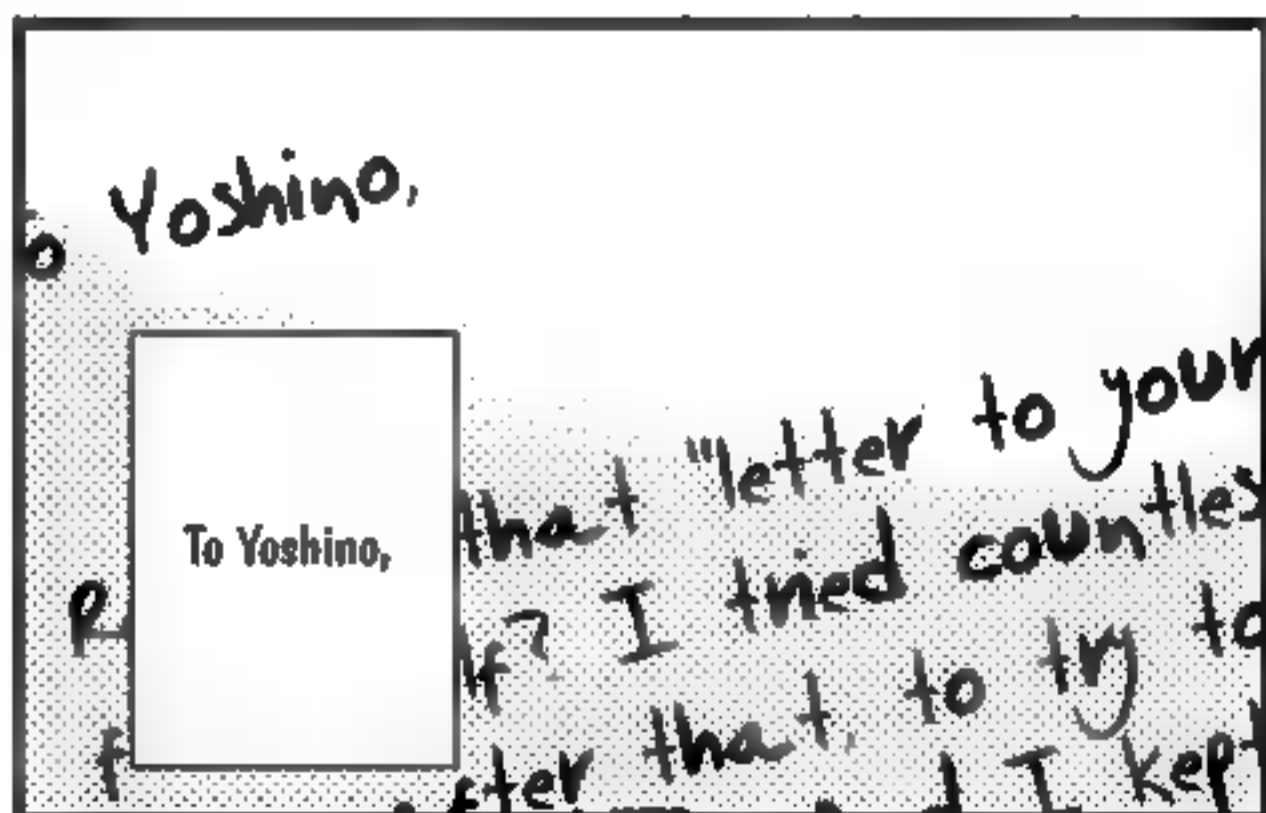


Whether what changed
was for better or worse.











**I just couldn't
write out my
future.**



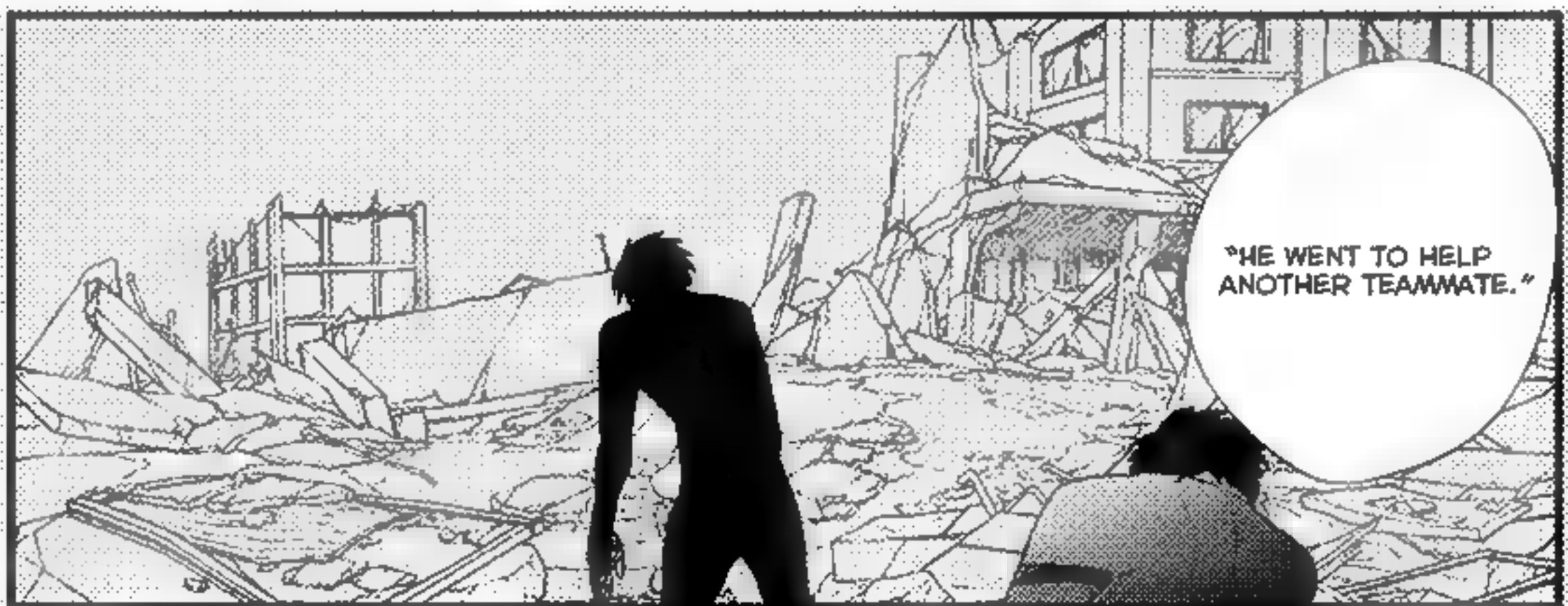
**No matter
how many
times I tried,**



**I can't picture one
year, let alone five or
ten years from now.**



**Some part of my
may be broken.**



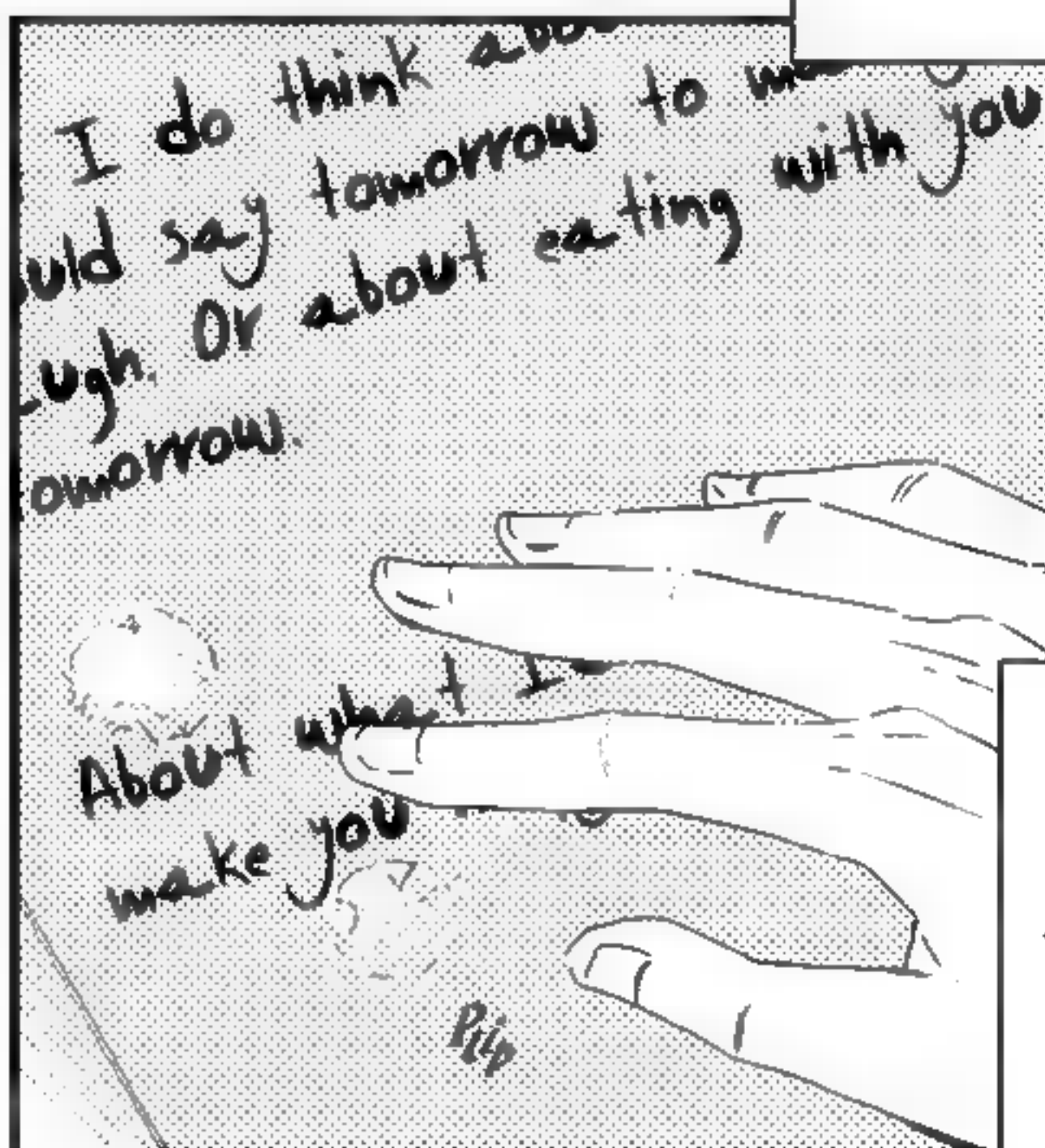


But,

But I do think
would say tomorrow to
laugh. Or about
tomorrow.

Or about eating with
you tomorrow.

I do think about
what I would say
tomorrow to make
you laugh.

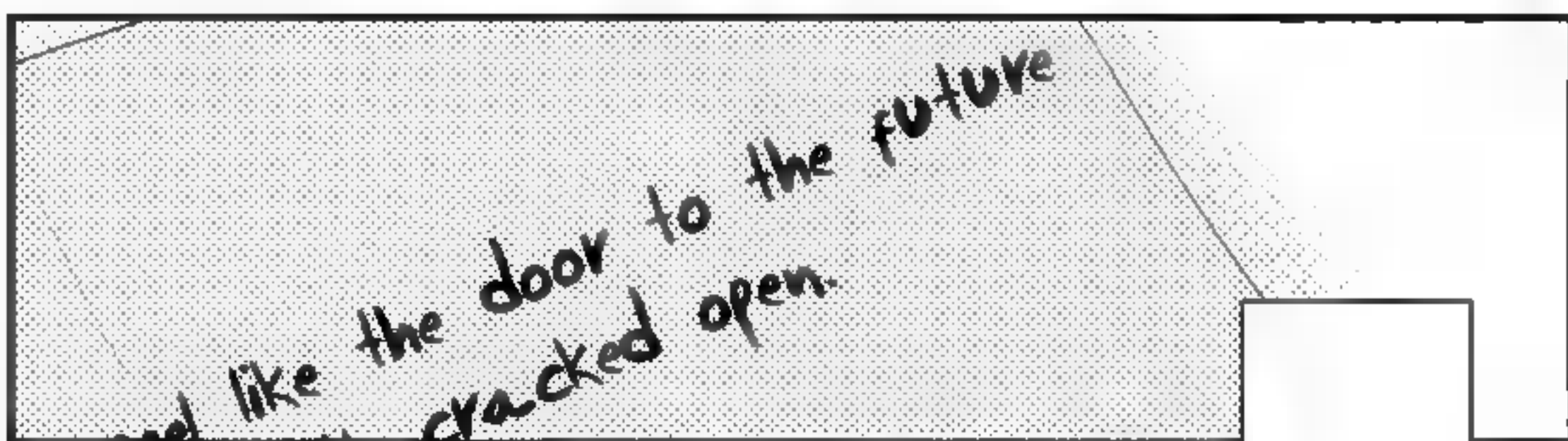


About what I'd do
tomorrow to make you
happy.

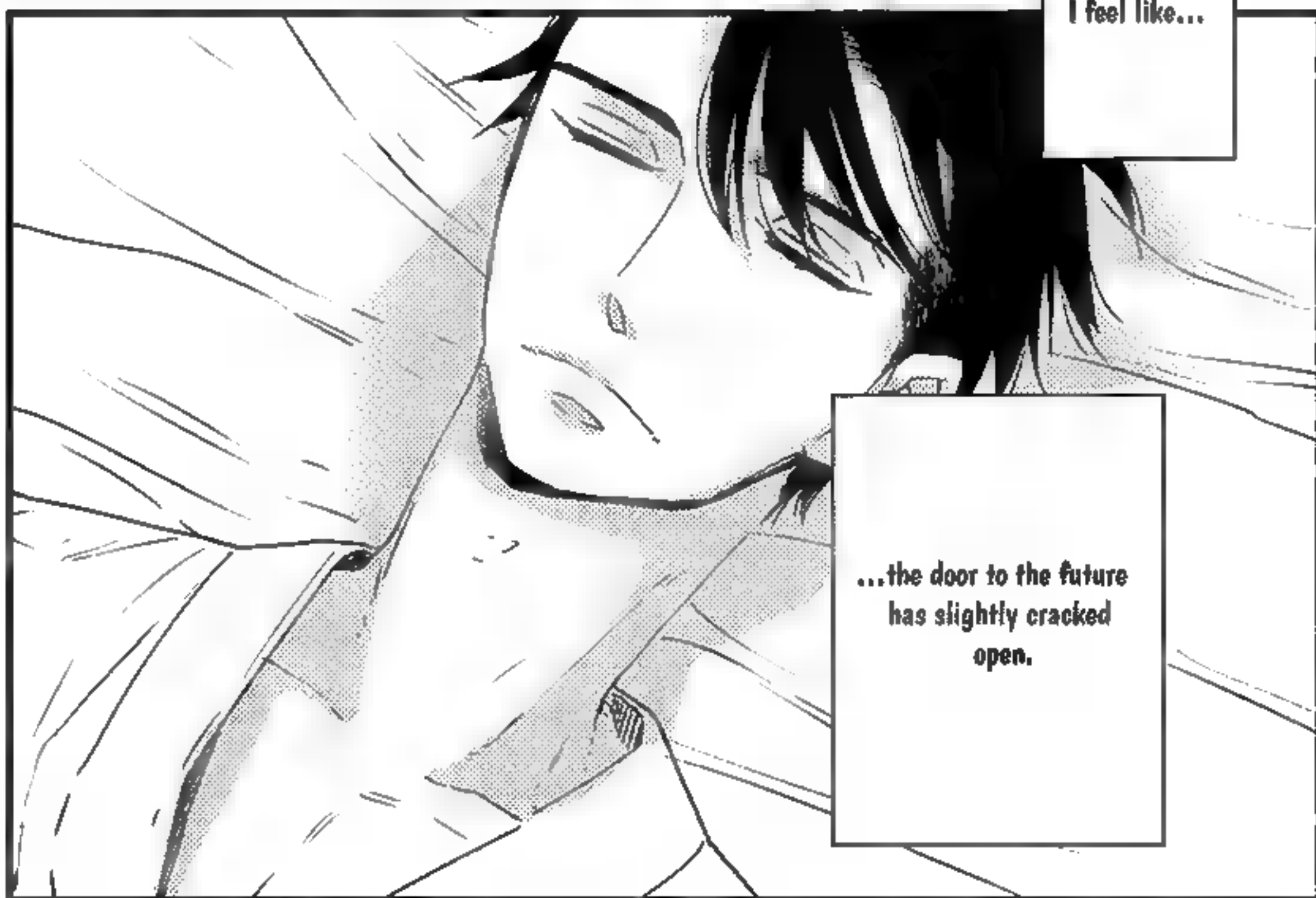




When you fill my
head this much,

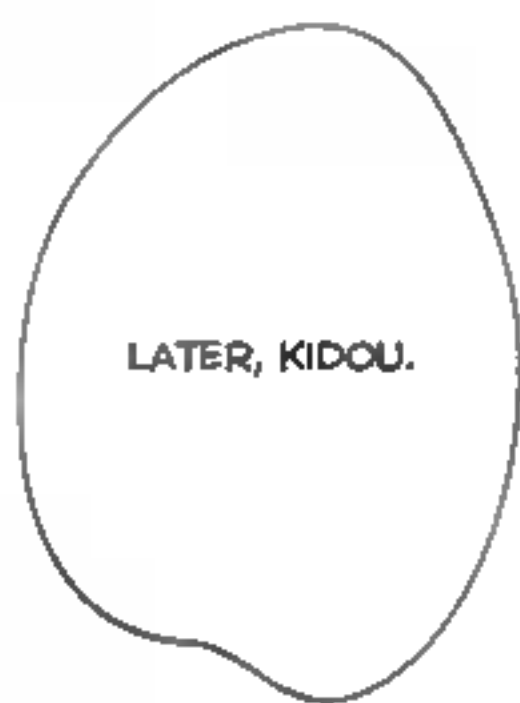


I feel like...

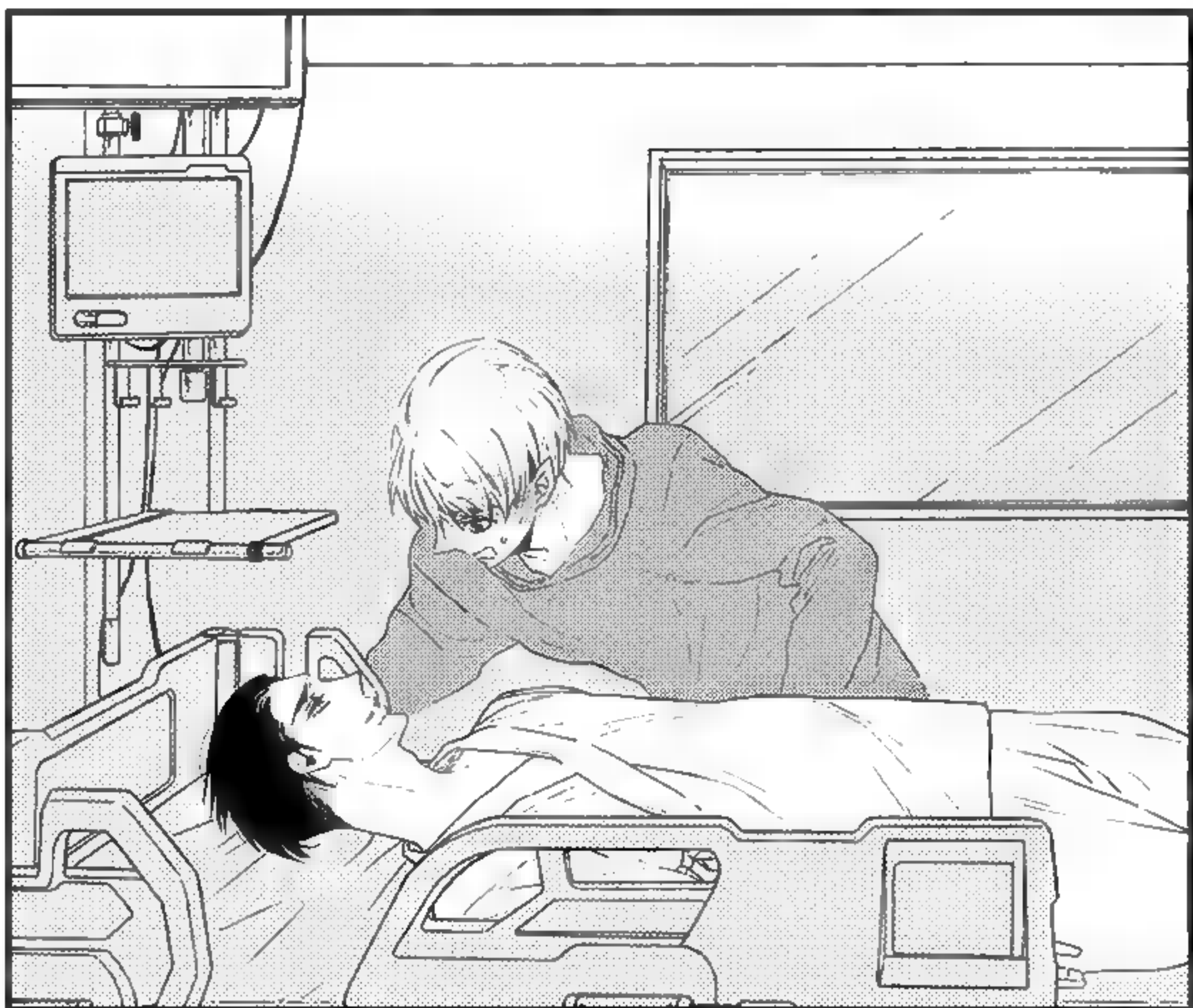


...the door to the future
has slightly cracked
open.







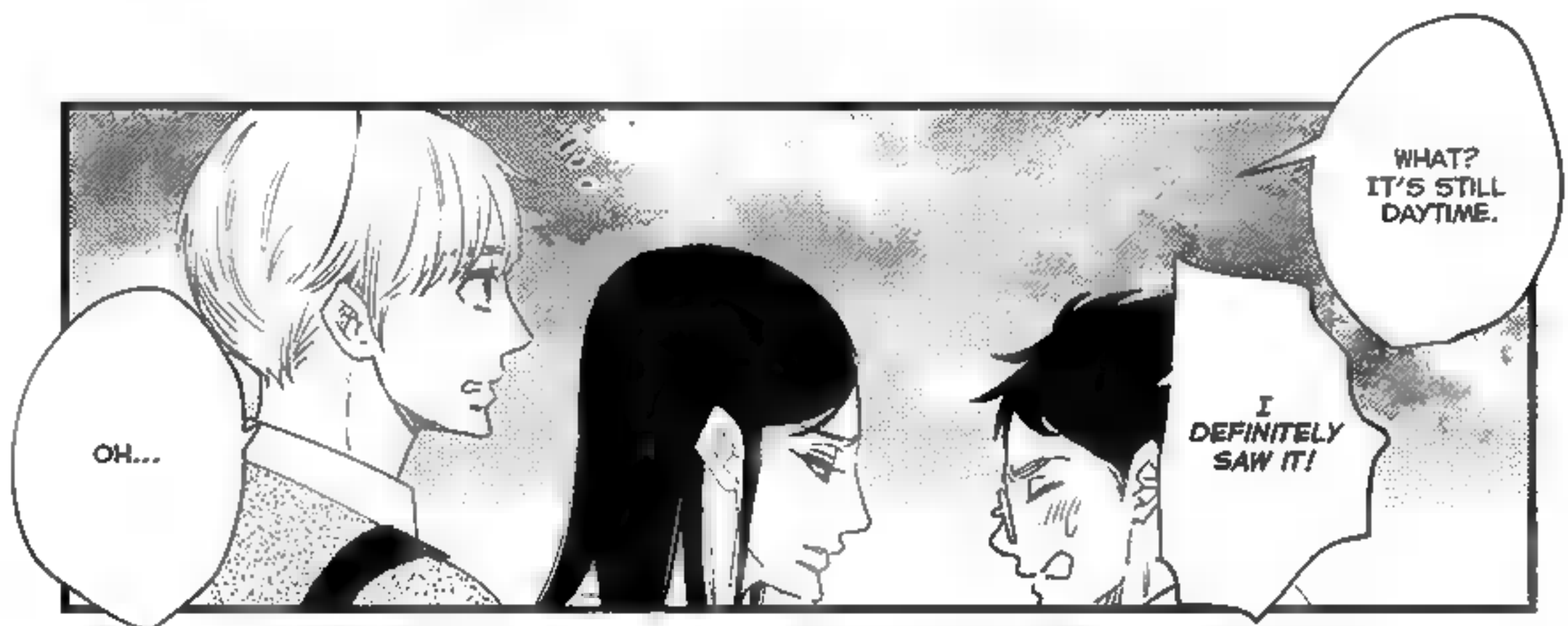


Half a year later.

BYE, SENSEI!





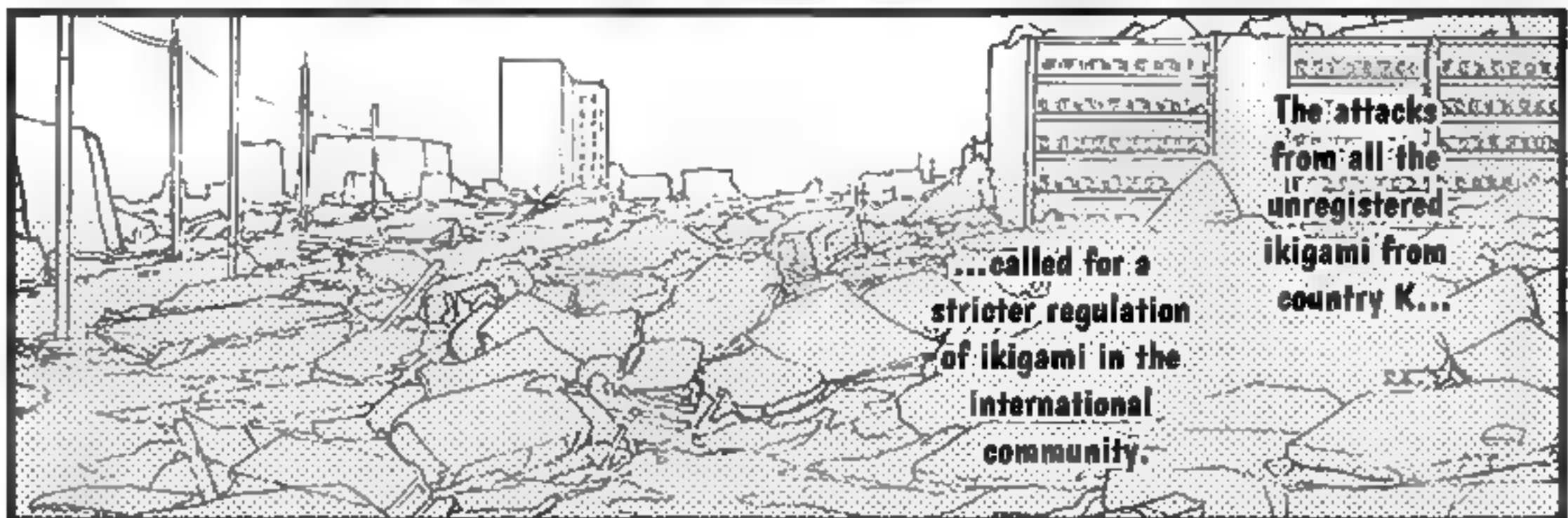




He became a member of a newly created ikigami task force.

After quitting,

he joined a special international task force.



...called for a stricter regulation of ikigami in the international community.

The attacks from all the unregistered ikigami from country K...

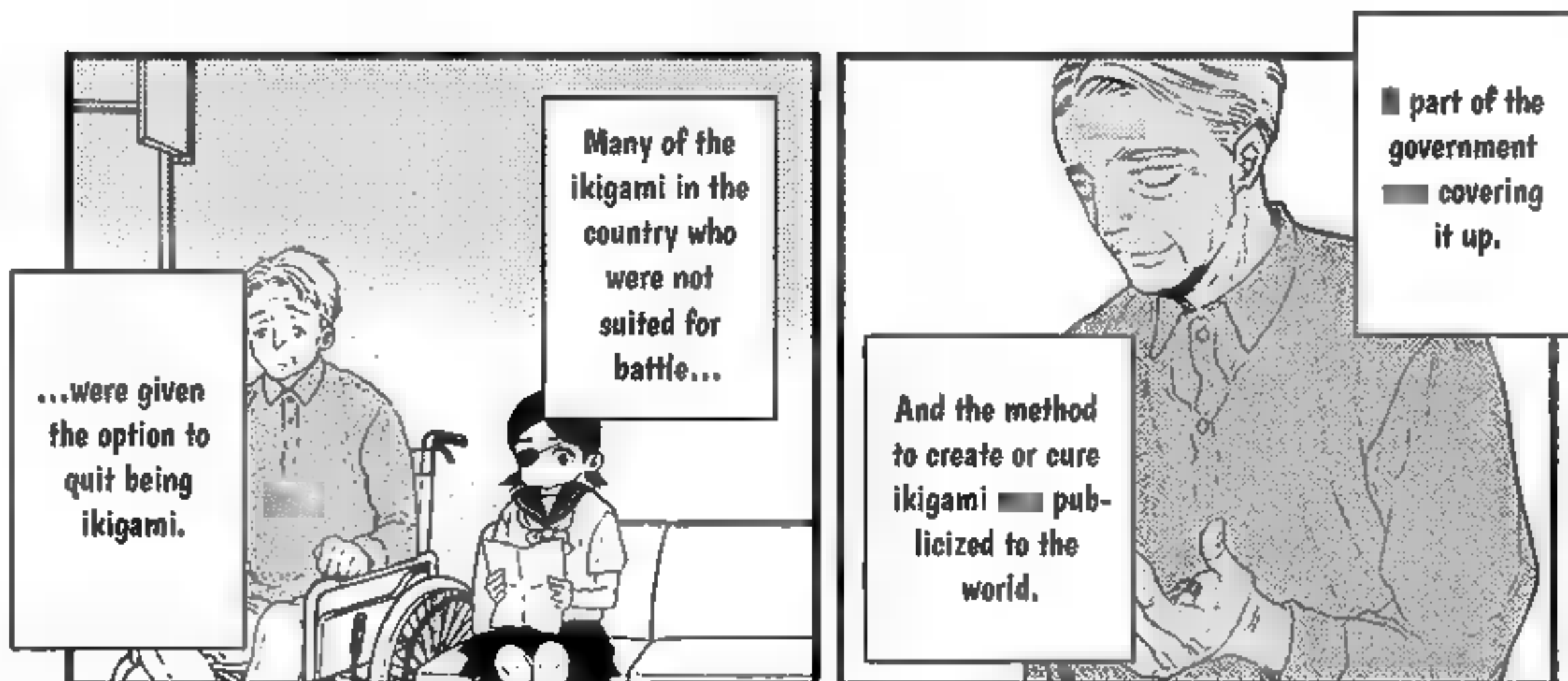


THERE HE IS!

And because of our counterattack on Country K, we also discovered the unregistered ikigami in our country.

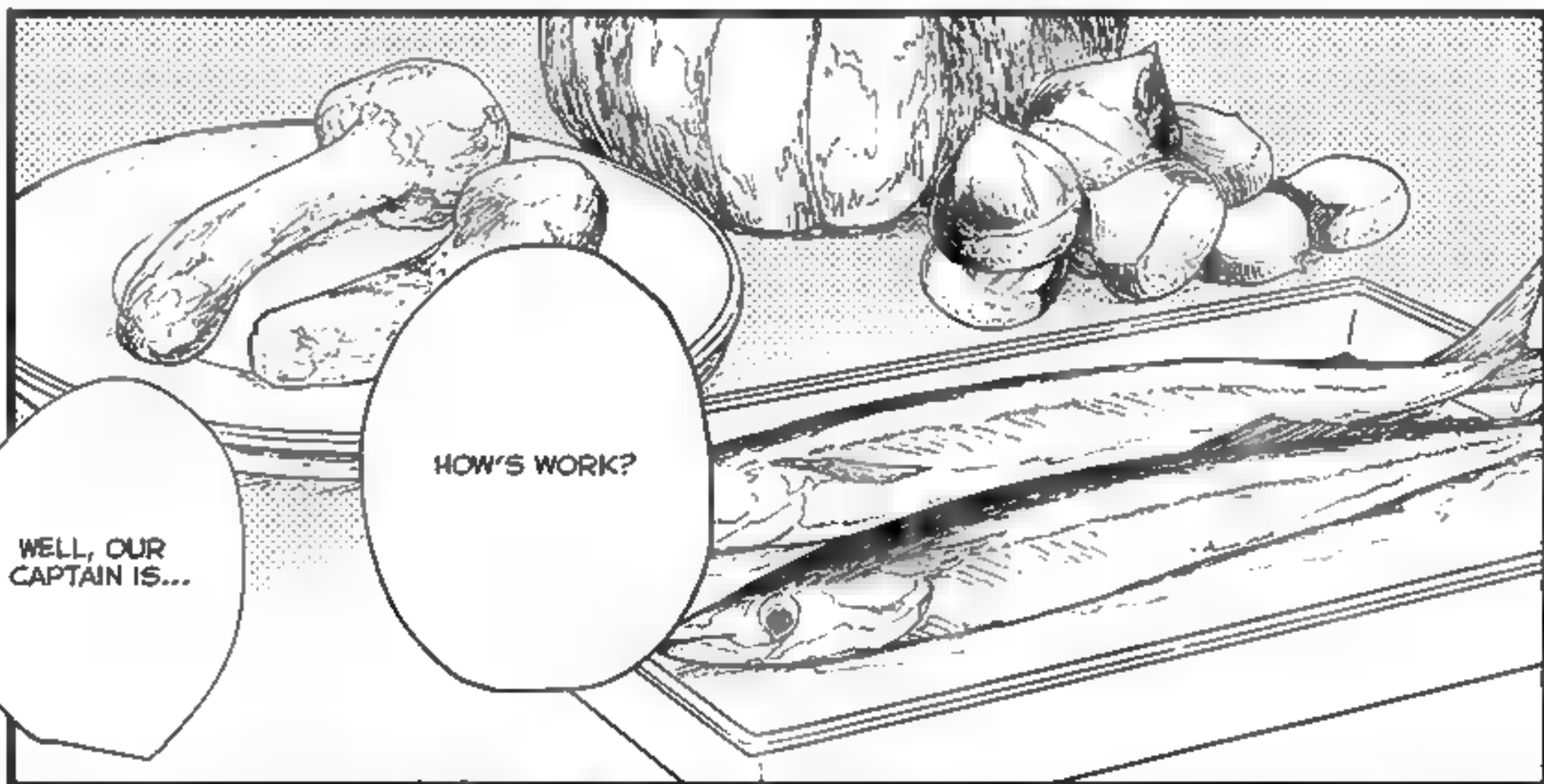
THAT'S MORE THAN I THOUGHT!

There were a lot of them.



yet, the number of ikigami in the world is growing rapidly.





WELL, OUR CAPTAIN IS...

HOW'S WORK?



...PREFER LOOKING UP TO STRONGER INDIVIDUALS.

IKIGAMI...

THEY LIKE TO MAKE THE STRONGEST ONE THEIR LEADER.



Like this

He's like a furby

...ONLY 160 CM.



YEAH.

chop

chop

chop



TO CONVINCE THEM TO LISTEN TO THE CAPTAIN.

THAT'S WHY I WAS MADE VICE-CAPTAIN.

THAT SOUNDS ROUGH.

I heard he gutted ten ikigami from Country K.

WHS PR

WHS PR

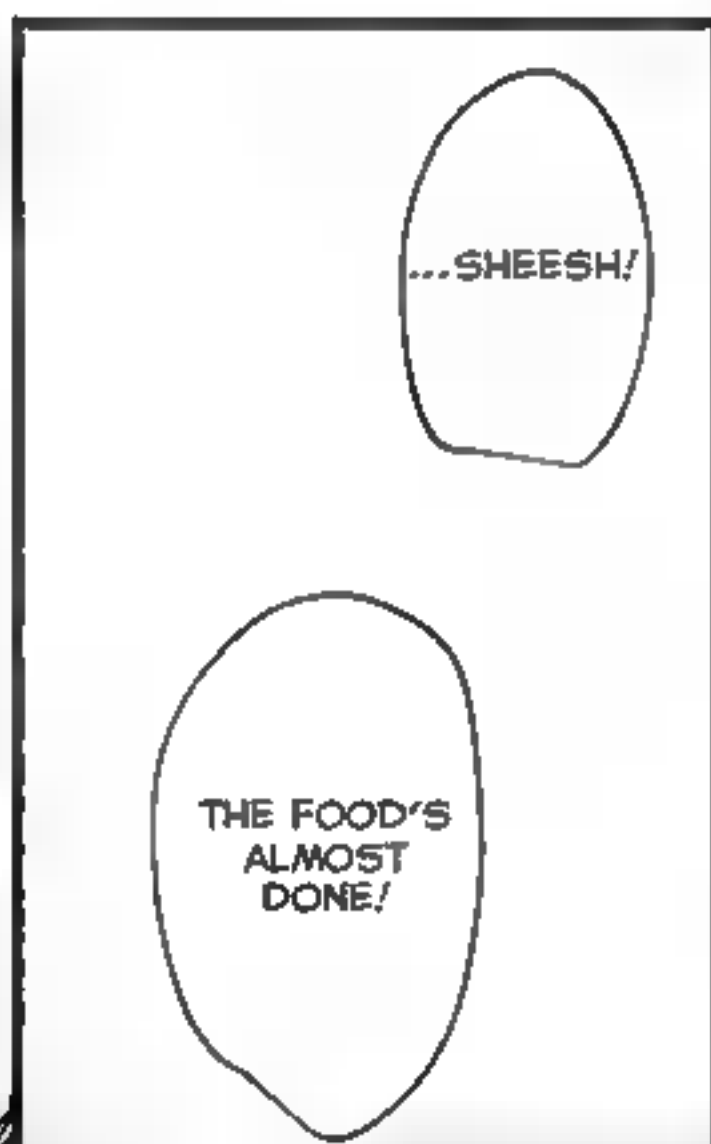
That's kidding.





I WANT TO
EAT YOU.

...KIDOU!



...SHEESH!

THE FOOD'S
ALMOST
DONE!



SNIFF

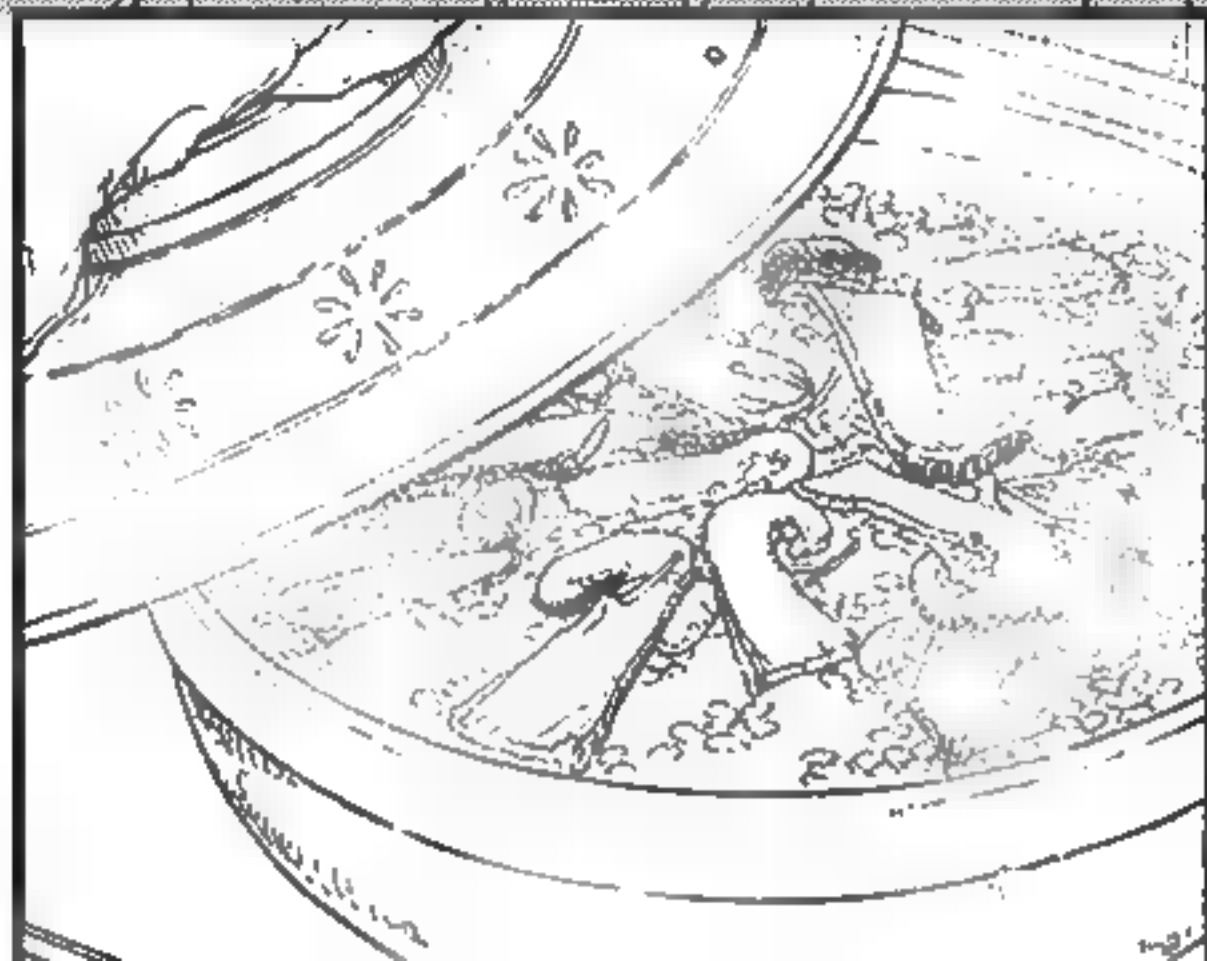
YOU
SMELL
DELI-
CIOUS.



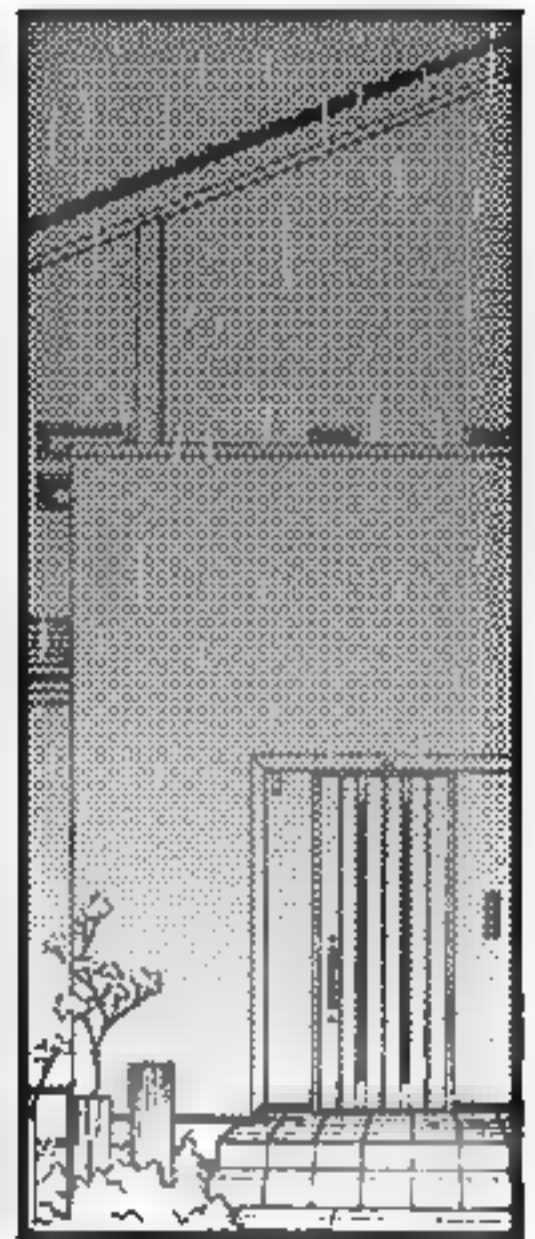
...FINE, FINE.

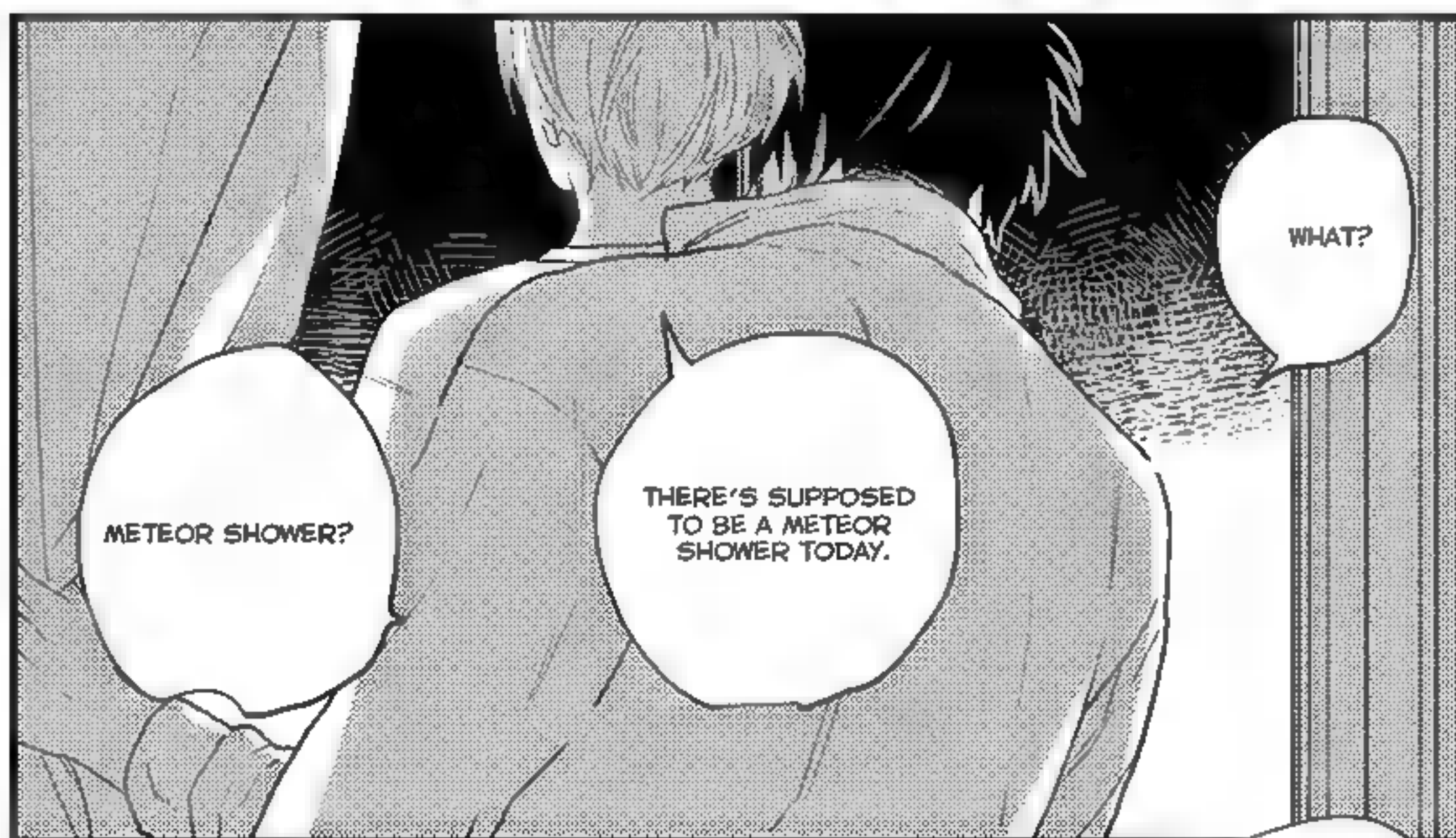
HEY NOW...

EVEN WHEN I'M
ALMOST DONE WITH
THE MUSHROOM
RICE?









METEOR SHOWER?

THERE'S SUPPOSED
TO BE A METEOR
SHOWER TODAY.

WHAT?



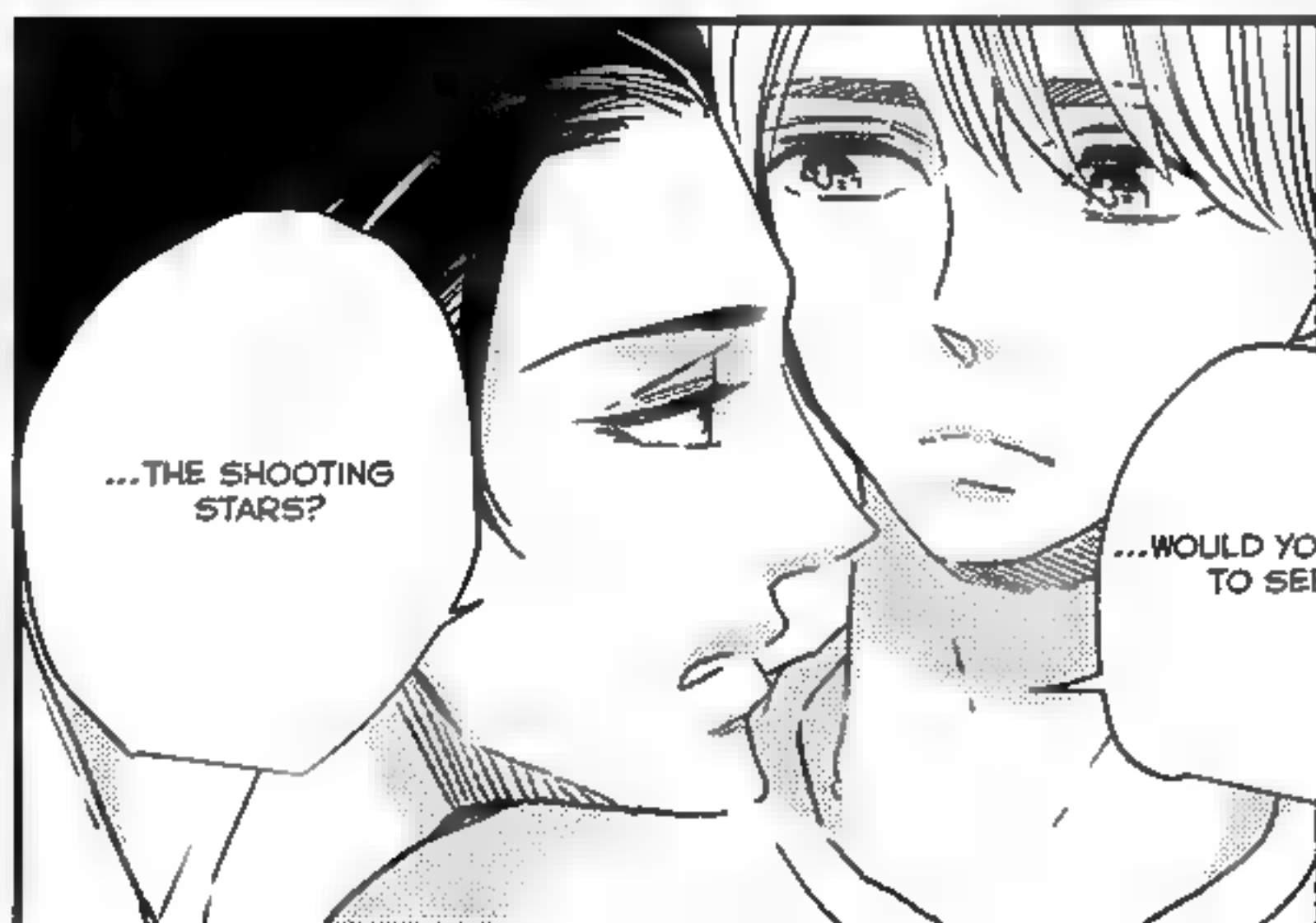
BUT I CAN'T SEE SO
WELL IN THE RAIN.

WHERE YOU'LL SEE
A LOT OF SHOOTING
STARS.



DO YOU HAVE
A RAINCOAT?

?



...THE SHOOTING
STARS?

...WOULD YOU LIKE
TO SEE...



...UNGH.



AHH
HHH
HHH
HHH
HHH
HH!

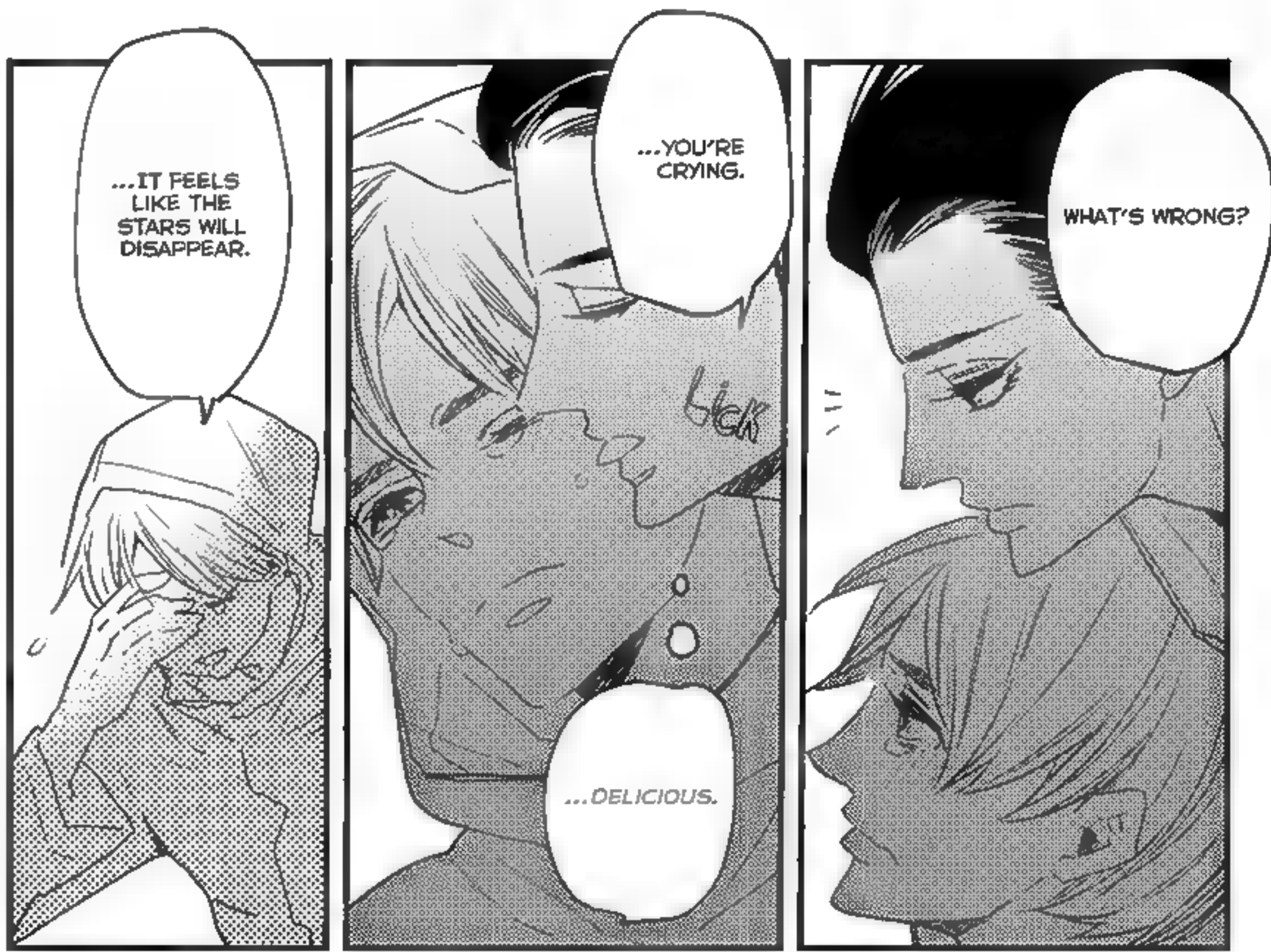
HOLD ON TIGHT.

burning bright,
tumbling.

the stars
blew to

In the blink
an eye,









The future you could
not write back then...

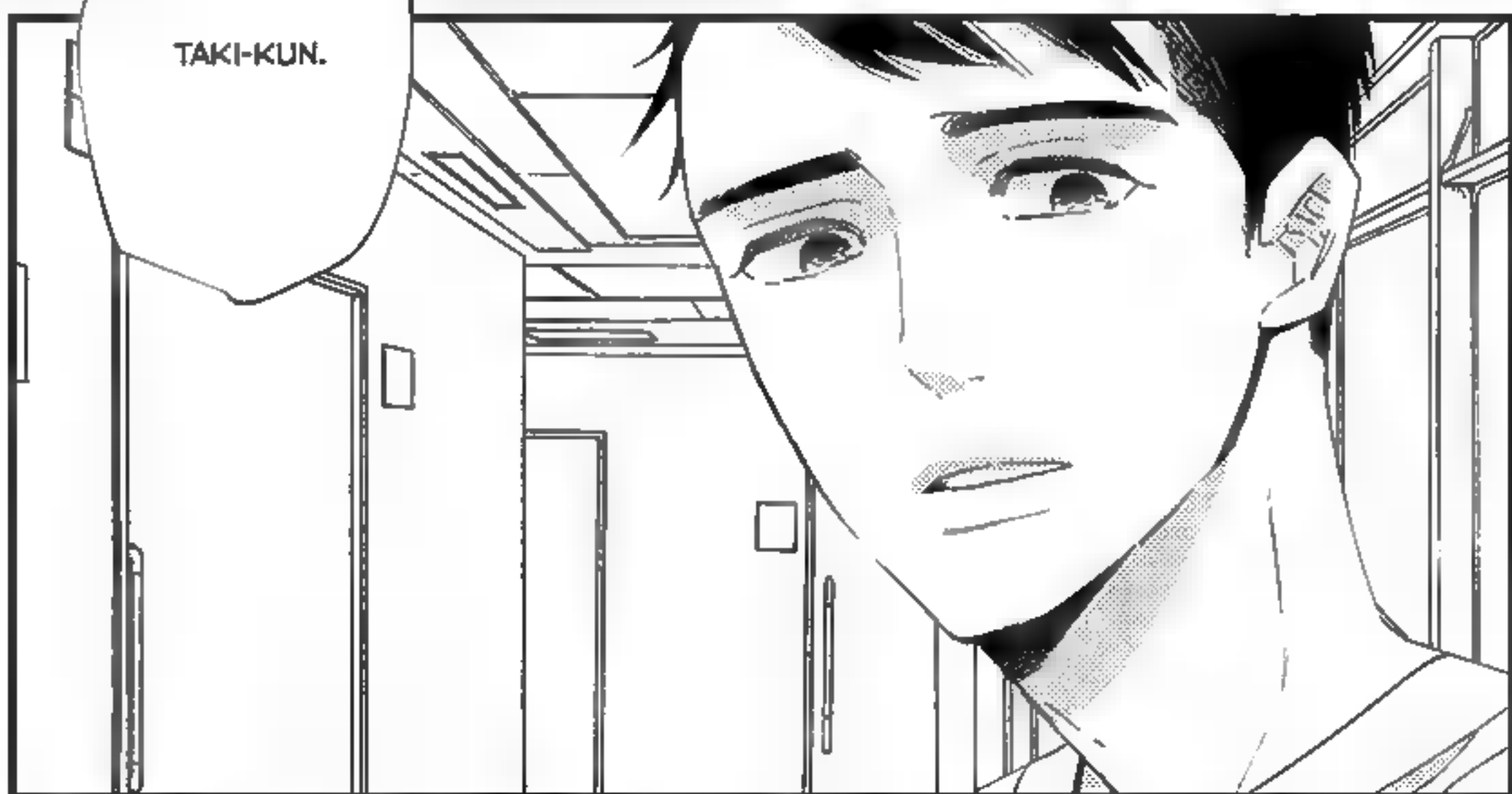
...WHAT SHOULD WE
DO TOGETHER?

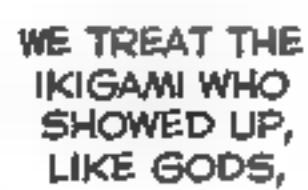
We are living it
not right now.



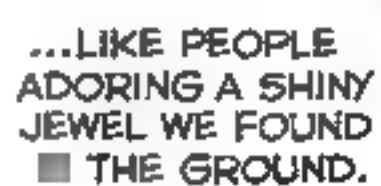
The end.

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WE TREAT THE
IKIGAMI WHO
SHOWED UP,
LIKE GODS,



...LIKE PEOPLE
ADORING A SHINY
JEWEL WE FOUND
■ THE GROUND.



WE ARE...



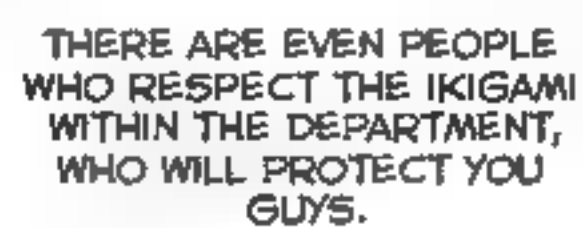
AND THEN, IN PURE
HUMAN SELFISHNESS,
WE STOLE THEM.



NOW, WE ARE FINALLY
ACHIEVING SOME PRO-
TECTIVE RIGHTS FOR
THE IKIGAMI AND THEIR
DONOR...



...THAT'S GREAT.



THERE ARE EVEN PEOPLE
WHO RESPECT THE IKIGAMI
WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT,
WHO WILL PROTECT YOU
GUYS.



IF WAR BREAKS OUT
AGAIN AFTER I'VE
QUIT...

BUT I THINK...

I WOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO
STAND IT.

I'D BE WORRIED ABOUT
THE SAFETY OF MY
COMRADES AND YOU.

Ah.

YOU SAY
THAT,

BUT I KNOW!

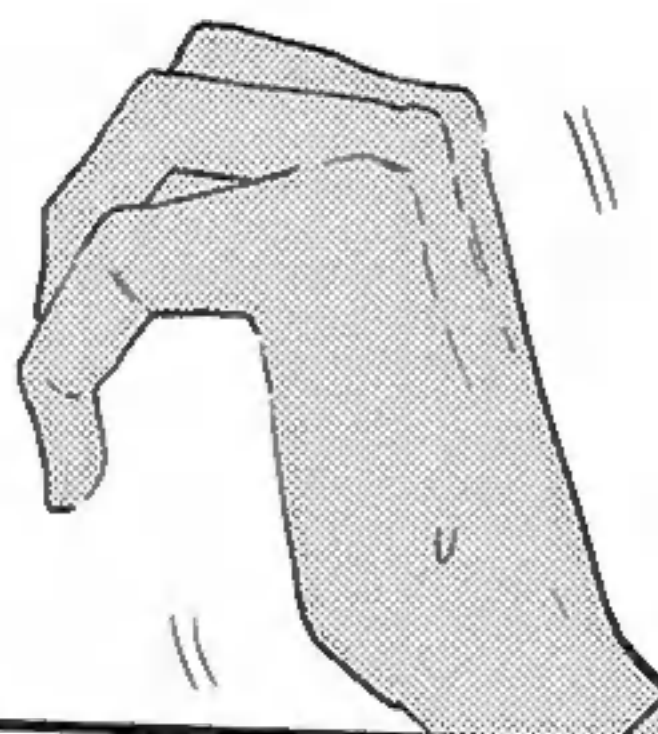
...YOU'RE A
GOOD MAN.

WELL, I RECOMMENDED
HIM TO MY SUPERIOR.



YOU WERE THE ONE WHO
RECOMMENDED KIDOU TO
THE UN PEACE FORCE.

T
U
G




IT'S NOT FAIR
FOR HIM TO RECEIVE
SPECIAL TREATMENT
FROM YOU.





I'VE NEVER...


...FELT SO JEALOUS OF
ANYONE ELSE BEFORE.



NO, THAT'S NOT
WHAT I MEANT...

PUSH

DID YOU WANT TO
JOIN THAT FORCE
TOO?



BECAUSE I THOUGHT
YOU WANTED TO STAY
HERE.

...FORGIVE ME IF I
WAS WRONG.

I COULD WRITE A LETTER
OF RECOMMENDATION
FOR YOU...



end.